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# Iran, Israel reportedly forging contacts

By STEVE RODAN

Iran and Israel are forging contacts in a secret effort to resolve military tensions and settle Israel's debt of up to \$1 billion to Tehran.

Diplomatic sources in both countries said that after years of halted attempts, the chances of a successful dialogue are better today. They say the biggest change has been the election of Mohammed Khatami, regarded as a pro-Western moderate, as Iran's president.

"We are closer to this possibility [of a settlement] now than two years ago," a senior Israeli official said. "We recognize that we owe Iran money, and we're willing to negotiate."

An Iranian source close to Khatami agreed. "A change is about to take place in the way the government is thinking," he said. "We already have signs of this here and there."

Those involved in the attempt to start negotiations said the goal is multiple: to discuss Israel's debt to Iran from the days of the Shah - estimated at \$650 million-\$1 billion - and to quietly reduce Iranian enmity, whether expressed in support of Hezbollah and Islamic terrorism or in its nuclear weapons and ballistic missile program.

One proposal is that Israel pay the debt through private investment in developing Iranian civilian infrastructure.

"There is not a complete picture yet," Labor MK Ephraim Sneh said. "There are commercial attempts being made here."

At the same time, Iranian and Israeli academics are discussing the idea of a dialogue that could eventually turn official - taking a page out of Israel's experience with the PLO and China. Iranian academics, particularly those abroad, have expressed interest in joining such an effort.

"I very much approve of what the Israeli leadership is doing," said Hooshang Amirahmadi, director of Middle East studies at Rutgers University in the US, who is regarded as close to the Khatami government. "The confrontation with Iran is wrong. Any correction to that confrontational approach is a welcome event, and I believe it will be welcomed by political and academic circles in Iran and elsewhere."

Approaches to Iran have been steady throughout the nearly 20 years of the Islamic republic. Court records and former IDF commanders said Israel sold

arms to Iran throughout the Iran-Iraq War from 1980-88.

"Our interest was that this war should last forever," Maj.-Gen. [res.] Avraham Bar-El, former chief artillery officer and later managing director of Soltam, said. "The Iranians were willing to buy from everyone."

The arms sales slowed down after the war, but Israeli products continued to be sold to the Tehran regime through third countries. This included agricultural equipment, plastics, and instruments to detect chemical weapons.

But the most recent effort at an Israeli-Iranian conciliation began late last year.

In December 1996, then-Kazakhstan oil minister Nurten Balgimbaev, who has excellent ties with Tehran, visited Israel for medical treatment and was approached about arranging a dialogue with Iran to discuss an easing of tensions.

The effort was launched by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who reportedly feels that the policy of the previous governments of Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres in leading an international campaign against Tehran was counterproductive.

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## ITV: Commando may have stepped on mine

By MARGOT DUDKOVITCH

The IDF inquiry into Friday's botched raid in south Lebanon believes that a member of the naval commando unit stepped on a Hezbollah mine, subsequently drawing gunfire and triggering off at least one of the explosives they were carrying, Channel 1 reported last night.

The report claimed that the unit split up into small groups and, as four commandos crossed the road toward their target, one of them stepped on a mine.

Following the raid that left 11 dead, one missing and presumed dead, and four wounded, Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak appointed an inquiry headed by OC Home Front Command Maj.-Gen. Gabi Ophir. Although the inquiry has not released an official statement on its

## Cuts '98 - The Proposals

To reduce from January 1 child benefit payments. Those earning more than 130% of the average wage with fewer than four children will be affected.	To collect national insurance payments for five years from pensioners over 60 (for women) or 65 (for men) if they are still working.
To give greater financial independence to the health funds, which in turn will ask the public for additional funding. To reduce the number of health centers.	To raise the cost of treated water for agriculture by 8%, bringing it in line with household and industrial water pricing.
To reduce the number of school hours by 15,000 in each of the next two years.	To reduce the number of overseas trade representatives in 17. To reduce or abolish grants to certain business sectors, including the petrochemicals industry.
To cut the defense budget by NIS 550m. To reduce the number of IDF representatives abroad. To cut soldiers' academic studies. To reduce the number of retirements.	To cut NIS 600m. (according to the Union of Local Authorities in Israel) from local government spending.

# Ministers slam Neeman NIS 2.3b budget cut plan

## Marathon debate goes into early hours

By DAVID HARRIS

The cabinet reconvened late last night to try and reach agreement on Finance Minister Ya'akov Neeman's proposed NIS 2.3 billion cut for the 1998 state budget.

A marathon session had broken up earlier for a couple of hours as ministers and Treasury officials clustered in consultations to try to find suitable compromises for each ministry.

Foreign Minister David Levy left the meeting early in the evening, leaving behind a proxy vote against the cuts. Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein reportedly threatened to resign and also walked out of the meeting, saying the government did not care about new immigrants. Edelstein later returned for the midnight discussion.

There were a number of heated exchanges during the debate that began at 9 a.m. yesterday.

Ministers had to be calmed down several times as they turned their anger on Neeman, Treasury officials said.

After leaving the meeting, Levy told reporters it would take two or three years for economic growth to resume and that there was currently a need to declare a "social SOS." He added that Geshor would continue to speak out for the weak and would do whatever is needed to ensure they are not harmed by the cuts.

Ministers who expressed extreme reservations during the cabinet session included Eli Yishai (Labor and Social Affairs), Yitzhak Mordechai (Defense), Zevulun Hammer (Education), Yitzhak Levy (Transport), David Levy, Natan Sharansky (Industry and Trade), Edelstein, Eli Suissa (Interior), Ariel Sharon (National Infrastructure) and Yehoshua Matza (Health).

After 12 hours of talks, Treasury officials began holding private conversations with individual ministry representatives in a bid to gain a majority in favor of the cuts package.

The Treasury proposals include substantial cuts in spending for defense, (NIS 550 million), educa-

tion (a reduction in school hours by 15,000), national insurance (benefits to older people and parents) and industry.

While the health service is not facing a real-terms cut, according to the Treasury, it is being asked to undergo substantial reforms.

The cabinet rejected Science Minister Michael Eitan's proposal to close down his own ministry.

Tax Commission, the law court stenographers' union and WIZO employees.

Calling on ministers to think of the good of the nation rather than their individual ministries, Netanyahu said his colleagues were wrong in saying there can be no economic miracles.

"This is not true," he retorted. "I definitely see that there will certainly be an Israeli economic miracle."

Neeman recited a prayer asking God to prevent him speaking gossip or idle chit-chat. He told ministers that if he had accepted all their requests the Treasury would have to pay out NIS 15b. rather than making any cuts at all.

The cut is part of the Treasury's strategy for keeping the 1998 budget deficit no higher than 2.4 percent of the gross domestic product.

### Science Ministry staff demonstrates, Page 4

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu suggested appointing a committee to examine the idea in detail and issue a report within 45 days.

Following presentations by Netanyahu, Treasury officials, and the Bank of Israel governor Jacob Frenkel, Matza spoke for more than two hours, trying to convince his colleagues that the Treasury should contribute NIS 1.3b. to wipe out the health service debt, rather than attempt to implement sweeping reforms.

Sharansky said he is not prepared to implement all the cuts proposed for his ministry, particularly those directly related to unemployment and development area infrastructure. Sharansky also said he would refuse to close 17 economic trade offices abroad.

As the meeting commenced in the morning, staff from the Science Ministry demonstrated outside the Prime Minister's Office against the proposed closure of their ministry.

Late in the afternoon dozens of mayors held a rally to protest against planned cuts of an estimated NIS 600 m. to NIS 700 m. in the local authority budget.

As part of its ongoing opposition to budget cuts and a government blueprint for structural economic reforms, the Histadrut last night gave a go-ahead for labor disputes by the Income Tax and Property

Matza disclosed he had learned of a Treasury package of changes that would amend arrangements that were to be in effect for 10 years.

"[Finance Minister Yaakov] Neeman had no right to intervene in these internal matters and endanger the fates of all residents. Every home has a sick person," Matza said.

# Albright expected to be tough on Israel

By SARAH HONIG and HILKE KUTTLER

Madeline Albright's visit could turn into one of the most difficult by a US secretary of state in recent years, sources in the Prime Minister's Office and Foreign Ministry said yesterday.

Albright is expected to arrive tomorrow morning for three days of talks, then leave for Syria.

While here, she will also visit the Palestinian self-rule areas and meet with Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat.

Despite the latest bombing attacks, Albright is expected to put equal pressure on Israel and the Palestinians to make concessions to get peace talks back on track, the sources said.

But Israel wants Albright to put pressure mainly on the Palestinians "to abide by their commitments to combat terrorism," an official said. "If anyone can effectively pressure the Palestinians, it is the Americans. Nobody is more vulnerable to American pressure than the Palestinians."

Preparations for the visit are made on the assumption that it will be a difficult one, the sources said. They said Albright is expected to

raise the issue of construction in east Jerusalem, settlement building, and the security cabinet's Friday decision not to hand over any more territory to the PA.

Officials in the Prime Minister's Office view Arafat's latest arrests of Islamic extremists as "window dressing" timed for Albright's arrival.

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They hope that Albright will pressure Arafat against further "revolving door" arrests, as he has staged in the past, in which he tries to mollify world opinion by detaining Hamas leaders, and then quickly releases them.

Albright is expected to meet twice with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Foreign Minister David Levy will welcome her at the airport, but

their only meeting will be during the ride to Jerusalem. American officials turned down Levy's request for another meeting, saying Albright's schedule is too tight.

Albright may meet with Labor Party chairman Ehud Barak. Also scheduled are a visit to the grave of Yitzhak Rabin to lay a wreath, and a meeting with his widow, Leah.

Albright will also visit Yad Vashem, victims of the Mahaneh Yehuda and Rehov Ben-Yehuda bombings, and speak to high school pupils in Jerusalem and Ramallah.

She has one meeting scheduled with Arafat.

Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat telephoned Foreign Ministry Director-General Eitan Bentsur yesterday and promised not to turn a blind eye to terrorism. He also relayed a message thanking Levy for cautioning against the demise of the Oslo Accords.

"Your courage may return the peace process to its sane track," Erekat messaged Levy. Levy replied that "the real test is the facts on the ground and not declarations of intent."

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# Report: Etzel suspected of targeting Elizabeth

By DOUGLAS DAVIS

LONDON - A recently declassified document, published here for the first time yesterday, indicates that Britain feared that then Princess Elizabeth was the target of a 1948 assassination plot by the pre-state underground Stern Group.

Concern over her safety is contained in a telegram sent by the Foreign Office to the British Embassy in Paris, where Elizabeth was due to visit.

The contents of the telegram, published in the Times yesterday, is based on the discovery in the British Public Records Office by Israeli author David Rubovitz, who is described as an expert

on the war between the Jewish underground movements and the British in Mandatory Palestine.

The telegram, described as being of "particular secrecy," was dated May 7, 1948, and was sent in response to a May 3 telegram from the embassy in Paris dealing with the arrival in France of two Stern Group members. The two are not named, but Rubovitz claimed that one went on to play a leading role in Israeli government.

The telegram stated: "French ambassador's private secretary was told on May 6 that the Foreign Office were much exercised about the arrival of these two terrorists in France, in view

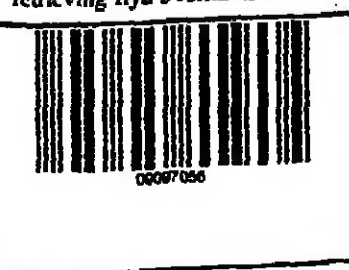
of the impending royal visit. The palace had not yet been officially informed of their presence in France; but it would be necessary to do so if they were likely to be at large during Princess Elizabeth's visit and it might in these circumstances be difficult for us to advise that it was safe for HRH [Her royal highness] to go to Paris."

Rubovitz was quoted as telling the Times he was making the telegram available to demonstrate "the great irony of the concern shown then for the safety of a British princess, and to contrast it with the lack of government concern about that of our dearly beloved Diana, especially after she was snuffed of her title."

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## NEWS

in brief

## 18 soldiers indicted for military prison riot

Military prosecutors yesterday handed down charges against 18 soldiers involved in the riot at Military Prison No. 6 last month. The Jaffa Military Court will hear appeals by prosecutors today to keep the soldiers in jail pending the trial's outcome. The soldiers were charged with mutiny and face a maximum sentence of 15 years' imprisonment.

In charging the soldiers, the army formally abrogated a pledge not to do so. The promise was part of an agreement that brought a peaceful end to the weekend-long rebellion.

## PM condemns Moslem cemetery desecration

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday condemned the desecration of the cemetery in which Sheikh Izzadin Kassam is buried. On Saturday a pig's head was placed on a grave in the cemetery, which is located near Haifa.

"Israel decidedly condemns the path of those who see themselves as continuing in this man's [path.] Despite that, the prime minister considers serious all attacks on graves, without differentiating between faith or religion," he said in a statement.

## Ras al-Amud decision due today

The appeals committee of the Jerusalem District Planning Committee is to hand down its decision on the appeal against construction of a Jewish neighborhood in Ras al-Amud. Meretz City Council members Ornan Yekutieli and Michal Shohat have claimed the plan was submitted illegally and contradicted previous construction plans.

## Two die on roads

Tarabin Suleiman, 24, who did not have a driver's license, was killed yesterday when he stole a car, sped away and hit a light pole at the entrance to the Beduin town of Segev Shalom near BeerSheva.

In another accident, a man was killed and three others moderately to seriously injured on the Arad-Tel Aviv road. Five people were injured, two moderately and three lightly, on the Arava road, when a car hit another as it was turning left into the road to Kibbutz Samar.

## Cabinet okays pact legalizing Vatican status

The cabinet yesterday approved a year-old agreement formally legalizing the Vatican's status here. The agreement will allow the Vatican to legally register its churches and institutions, thereby giving it greater freedom of action in Israel, said Foreign Ministry spokesman Aviv Shir-On.

Israel and the Holy See recognized each other on December 30, 1993, and announced formal ties in June 1994, when they set up commissions to settle outstanding issues such as formalizing the status of the church, which had been operating in a legal vacuum.

Last year, agreement was reached to grant the Vatican legal status, but the pact needed cabinet approval before implementation.

## PA rounds up Hamas activists

By MARGOT DUKKITCH

Palestinian security forces rounded up Hamas suspects yesterday for the first time since last Thursday's triple suicide bombing in Jerusalem that killed five and injured 192. Palestinian security sources said more than 30 Hamas activists were arrested in areas under PA control. Reports in the media, however, said the numbers were closer to 40.

David Bar-Ilan, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's communications adviser, said that the arrests are only one-tenth of what has to be done by the Palestinians to crack down on terrorists and damage their infrastructure.

"It is an obvious gesture to US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright," he said, adding, "the arrests do not include leaders of the military wings of the organizations or active terrorists whose arrests would harm the infrastructure."

Bar-Ilan confirmed reports that Israel is compiling a list of demands it expects the Palestinians to fulfill. The list, he said, is based on the two Oslo Accords and the Hebron Agreement and will be given to Albright during her visit.

The US, however, called the arrests a positive step.

"We think any step in the direction of an active, relentless effort to dismantle the security infrastructure [of the extremist groups] in the territories under the Palestinian Authority control is a positive step in the right direction," State Department deputy spokesman James Foley said.

The security forces continued to maintain a high state of alert and the police reinforced its manpower in Jerusalem following a Hamas threat to carry out more terrorist attacks, claiming they represent the growing frustration of the Palestinian people.

"We know that, in essence, there is an aim to torpedo Albright's visit," Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani told Israel Radio, adding that what happened last week could happen again.

Jerusalem District Court, meanwhile, banned the publication of all



A Palestinian argues with a border policeman during an identity check outside Jerusalem's Old City yesterday.

details related to the bombing. A statement issued by the police said the ban relates to arrests, detentions of suspects, and evidence related to the attack, apart from details that have already been published.

Media reports based on Palestinian sources said that 10 Hamas activists, who work in the movement's civilian offices, were arrested. In addition, the sources claimed more than 40 other Hamas activists were arrested throughout the territories.

PA Minister of Jerusalem Affairs Faisal Hussini rejected charges that the arrests were due to Albright's forthcoming visit.

## PA upset at extradition request for Jabah

Palestinian officials voiced outrage yesterday at Israel's demand to extradite their police chief, Maj. Gen. Yehonatan Jabah.

"Jabah is the person who should stand trial," Merwan Jabrah, a Palestinian Authority spokesman, said.

He said Jabrah's comments were "not the kind that are expected from a police chief in an honorable position but rather from a gang leader."

"They can kill me by shooting at me from a plane but it is an absolute shame to ask a police commander or any police commander to be extradited," Jabah said.

The Justice Ministry asked for Jabah to be extradited over on Sunday, alleging there was evidence of his involvement in planning attacks on Israeli civilians. He had ordered three Palestinian police officers to shoot at an Israeli car in July. Nobody was hurt in the shooting.

## PA Police cooperate with IDF in search for Hebron shooter

By MARGOT DUKKITCH

Shots were fired at an IDF post in north Hebron last night. The IDF Spokesman said no one was injured and IDF troops, together with Palestinian Police, searched the surrounding area.

The spokesman added that several cartridges were found lying on the ground about 100 meters from the post and IDF troops would continue searching the area. Yesterday morning Palestinians charged that a group of 15 IDF

soldiers attacked and beat up a Palestinian at a roadblock near Hebron. The charges were refuted last night by the IDF Spokesman, who claimed the Palestinian attacked soldiers carrying out a routine inspection.

According to Palestinians who witnessed the incident, 20-year-old Ashraf al-Hdoush was traveling in his car when he was stopped by IDF soldiers at a roadblock. A witness claimed that 15 soldiers forced him out of the car, beat him and bound him up. When

passersby attempted to intervene, the witness said, IDF soldiers fired tear gas at them.

However, the IDF Spokesman said that IDF soldiers stopped a Palestinian for a routine check at an IDF roadblock between Halhoul and Hebron. The Palestinian attacked an IDF soldier and was overpowered when he resisted arrest. The spokesman added that the Palestinian was lightly injured during the struggle and was treated at the site before being transferred to police.

## Jordan urges 'balanced' US stance

AMMAN (Reuters) - Jordan yesterday urged US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright to adopt a "balanced" initiative to save the peace process on her first visit to the region this week.

Foreign Minister Fayez Tarawneh told reporters the region is anxiously awaiting stepped up US diplomatic moves. "It goes without saying that our message to Madame Albright and the Americans is that any initiative should be a balanced one, and any initiative should be the basis for the resumption of the negotiations."

Tarawneh stressed that efforts to revive peace talks should not only focus on security, saying this is only one facet of peace, which should encompass Israeli territorial concessions and commitments to adhere to Oslo Accords.

The deepening crisis makes it very timely for Washington to present a "complete and balanced initiative" which could at least set the "minimum terms" for the resumption of negotiations, Tarawneh said.

But he warned that any initiative would be doomed if it "is not acceptable, at least in the minimum sense, to the Palestinians," saying it is critical Washington takes the Palestinian view seriously.

Israeli actions, such as imposing closures after a suicide bombing, are "unilateral" steps which erode trust between the sides, he said.

Tarawneh said Jordan is committed to resolutions of the Cairo summit on Sunday which called on Israel to carry out its peace pledge to cede more land to the Palestinian Authority.

He also criticized Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's proposal to go directly into final status talks. "The Palestinian side is stressing that there are articles that have to be implemented before they enter into final status," he said.

## ARRIVALS

The Chairman of the International Board of Trustees of the Israel Tennis Center, Mr. Seymour Brode, and his wife Dee, from Southfield, Michigan, for the annual International Board of Trustees meeting.

## BACHRACH HANS

The Yeshiva University family mourns the passing in Melbourne of an international leader of world Jewry who worked tirelessly on behalf of Ahavat Yisrael, Jewish unity, and the State of Israel. He was the founder of YU's Counterpoint Program at Australia's Mount Scopus College, where for two decades students have been taught - and inspired - two months each year by their counterparts from Yeshiva College, Stern College for Women, and our affiliated Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary. He also provided generous support for RIETS outreach programs. We extend our heartfelt condolences to the entire family. May they be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

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## 5th victim of Ben-Yehuda bombing buried



Eliyahu Markovitch (Flash 90)

40-year-old Jerusalemite Eliyahu Markovitch was buried yesterday afternoon, after he succumbed to the wounds he sustained in last week's terror attack on Rehov Ben-Yehuda.

Markovitch, a bank clerk, was sitting with his 11-year-old son Itai at a shawarma restaurant on Rehov Ben-Yehuda when a bomb exploded near them on Thursday afternoon. Itai began to burn, and though Markovitch already had been seriously injured, he managed to extinguish the flame, saving his son's life, relatives said.

Markovitch was critically injured in the neck and Itai was seriously wounded. They were transferred to Hadassah-University Hospital at Ein Kerem, where Markovitch, who never regained consciousness, underwent a 12-hour operation. Itai is still in the hospital's intensive care unit.

One of their neighbors told Israel Radio that since the attack Ronit Markovitch had spent her time running between her husband and her son. "There are no words to describe the tragedy that has befallen the family," she said.

"He was one of the most modest people, he didn't want a car, he didn't want a cellular phone, and he never went abroad. He dedicated everything to his children," a relative said.

Markovitch was laid to rest in the Givat Shaul cemetery yesterday afternoon. He also is survived by his 16-year-old daughter Shitl and his father Shabati, a Holocaust survivor. (Jtm)

# Accused Golan spy freed from jail

By Jerusalem Post Staff and Ilim

Acce Magistrate's Court yesterday released on bail a Druse woman from the Golan Heights who had been held for two weeks on suspicion of spying for Syria.

Alham Nait Abu Salah, 32, a student at Damascus University, was freed on a bond of NIS 50,000, and on condition she report daily to a police station in the Golan for the

## Police continue their investigations

next 45 days.

She was arrested late in August on allegations of espionage. Abu Salah denied the accusations, telling reporters after stepping out of jail that she dealt only in student matters.

"Today I'm very happy about

being freed. It hurt me a lot; I never dreamed of ever getting arrested, and the interrogations were long and difficult," she said.

Police officials said they would continue investigating the case and that they still haven't ruled out bringing charges against Abu Salah.

But her relatives in Majdal Shams regarded her release as an acquittal. Hundreds in the village came out to celebrate.

Abu Salah said she would like to return to Syria to be active on a student council that represents Druse from her village at the university. "I

still have a lot to do. I'm not angry with Israel or the General Security Service," she said. "They have the right to do what they want, but I also have the right to study and travel to Syria and live in peace."

According to Gabriel Ben-Dor, a Haifa University political science professor, Abu Salah's case is one of many in which Golan Druse have been accused of spying for Syria.

He said that many Druse students from the Golan who study in Damascus come under pressure to get involved in anti-Israeli activities.

Abu Salah studied psychology at Damascus University, and returned home a few months ago for summer vacation.

There are roughly 17,000 Druse living in the Golan Heights and many feel a connection with Syria.

## Barak raps Beilin plan for Lebanon pullout

By SARAH HONG

Labor Party chairman Ehud Barak yesterday blasted MK Yossi Beilin's proposals for a unilateral Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon, maintaining that the results would be "disastrous" because it would bring Hizbullah right to our border.

In a speech to pensioners, Barak also rejected the idea of forming a national unity government.

"There is nothing to discuss, because this is a government which is leading the country downhill to a terrible violent confrontation. There is no basis for unity and I see no future basis with this government," he said.

The national unity idea was proposed this week by

Barak's predecessor, Shimon Peres. The cause was also taken up yesterday by the Third Way which announced plans to discuss the idea with both Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Barak, and to try to recruit Shas' mentor, Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, as a go-between.

Tsomet MK Pnini Badash also came out in support of a joint government between Likud and Labor.

Proposals for a joint cabinet have been floated in the wake of the Rehov Ben-Yehuda bombings on Thursday, and the recent disasters in Lebanon, including the burning deaths of five soldiers late in August and deaths of a dozen naval commandos and a Nahal officer since Friday.

## Weizman praises fallen soldier

By BAT-SHEVA TSUR and Ilim

"My brothers, the Druse, you more than anyone else are worthy of admiration for the great contribution your community has made to the state," President Ezer Weizman said yesterday during a condolence visit to the family of Dr. Maher Dagesh, of Maghar.

"The 31 fallen in your military cemetery are proof of the blood ties between us," Weizman added.

A large crowd of notables from the village had joined the mourners at the home of the young doctor, who fell tending the wounded during the aborted mission in Lebanon on Friday morning. Weizman told the family that the nation was united in wanting to reach a situation in which the Lebanese border was like those with Jordan and Egypt.

Weizman also visited the bereaved parents of Arye Abramson, of Yavneel, and of Raz Levins, of Mevaseret Zion, both of whom were killed in the same mission.

## IRAN

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Immediately after taking office, Netanyahu stopped attacking Iran and sent quiet signals that he preferred a dialogue. Last month, Israel halted broadcasts by elements opposed to the Iranian regime, which used the Amos satellite.

Diplomatic sources said Balgimbeev referred the Israelis to the Russians, and soon a dialogue developed between National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon and Moscow.

The Russians offered to mediate in the Israeli effort to settle its debt to Iran. Under the proposal, Israel would pay the Russians in goods and technology, and the Russians would pay off the debt.

Sharon declined to be interviewed. "Minister Sharon does not talk about these things," his spokesman Ra'anan Gissin said.

Tawgat Yurigenov, second secretary in the Kazakhstan Embassy in Tel Aviv, confirmed that Balgimbeev came in December for medical treatment and held discussions, although he did not have details. "We are very interested in Israeli cooperation and investment in our country, and have appealed to Israelis to do so," he said.

A Russian diplomat confirmed that Moscow has offered to mediate with Iran. "We think that, as friends of both Israel and Iran, we are best positioned to bring them together," he said.

A group of Israeli investors was organized by Tel Aviv businessman and journalist Yehoshua Meiri, head of the Israel-Arab Friendship Association, with ties to several countries in the Arab world, to coordinate Israeli investment in Iran.

"We can improve relations with Iran by increasing contacts by private sources who want to invest in Iran," Meiri said. "If Israel gives Iran the standing of regional power, there could be an integration of interests. The two countries have mutual strategic interests. Iran sees Israel as an economic powerhouse and market. Israel sees Iran as a leader in efforts to bring peace."

Meiri says he wants to establish a pool of Israeli companies ready to rebuild Iran's infrastructure. This includes joint ventures with Arab partners to invest in building sewage systems, shopping and medical facilities.

The proposal to use the Russians to help improve relations has opponents both in the government and in the opposition. "We'd rather not use the Americans or the Russians," a senior government aide said. "The Americans might not help us, and the Russians have their own agenda of selling arms to Tehran. We'd rather do it through our own contacts or through others."

He said the government wants to condition any Russian participation on Moscow's cessation of selling technology that would help Iran's nuclear or ballistic missile program.

Shah said the use of the Russians will harm Israel's standing with the US. "This step by Sharon is very irre-

sponsible, because Russia gives Iran such dangerous capabilities," he said. "How can we ask the US to sanction Russia for its help to Iran when we are going to reward Russia?"

David Menashry, head of Iranian studies at Tel Aviv University, said he does not see any change by Iran toward Israel. He acknowledges that Khatami intends to introduce reforms, but he does not see that affecting policy toward Israel in the near future.

He said Israel has given Iran a litmus test to determine its intentions: whether it pursues its nuclear program and maintains its support of terrorism and its opposition to the Arab-Israeli peace process.

"This is difficult for Iran to pass and for the West to test," he said. "I would determine these tests: First, cancel the fatwa [religious ruling] against Salman Rushdie; then recognize the Jewish state of Israel; and finally, stop supporting Hizbullah."

Iranian sources warned their Israeli interlocutors not to raise their hopes about any secret dialogue. They said results might not be seen for years.

Amirahmadi agreed. He said the Khatami government's foreign policy is focused on first returning European Union ambassadors to Tehran. Then, Iranian diplomats will try to improve relations with the US. Last in line would be efforts toward Israel.

"There isn't much Iran can do to send signals to Israel," he said. "The best thing that Iran can do for Israel is to put the issue on the back-burner, to forget about it altogether."

## HEBREW PRESS REVIEW ORLY AHARONI

The tragic events in the Ben-Yehuda pedestrian mall and in southern Lebanon dominated the weekend's opinion pages.

Referring to the Palestinian Authority's impotence in the face of terrorism, A.B. Yehoshua in *Yediot Ahronot* calls for the establishment of a secure border after a final status agreement with Palestinians is implemented. "It's true that a border entails a large expense and the need for a large work force. But money is poured out like water after every terrorist attack and unemployment is flourishing."

In *Ma'ariv* Uri Avnery states that the only way to attain security is through peace, referring to "partnership between the two countries, Israel and Palestine, where the border between them is the Green Line and Jerusalem their shared capital."

Relating to the tragedy in Lebanon, Yaron London in *Ma'ariv* states that we must face the fact that for now, there may be no solution. "Perhaps we have no choice but to accept the idea

that we should focus on limited victories that entail painful defeats."

*Ha'aretz's* Uzi Benziman attacks Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's reprisal based on force, claiming that it only leads to escalation. "Compromise, not the angry use of force, is the means of terminating the conflict."

An *Ambush or Malfunction?* The enigma surrounding the failed commando operation drew commentators to provide their own conjecture. Moshe Zak, in *Ma'ariv*, claims that Hizbullah's denial of having advance information on the raid only strengthens the suspicion that Hizbullah did set an ambush. "It is likely that the same person who informed Israel of the whereabouts of the 'wanted man' also told Amal, Hizbullah, and even the Lebanese Army to set the trap."

*Ha'aretz's* Ze'ev Schiff also claims that the failure was caused by an intelligence leak. "We were caught by surprise and had to pay

a high price in dead and injured because we underestimated our adversary's sophistication."

The *Lebanese Dilemma* *Ma'ariv's* Barbi Sheleg questions Yossi Beilin's push to withdraw from Lebanon. "Beilin and his partners are in love with the concept of facing complex problems through dramatic changes, without consideration of the outcome." She adds that a panicky escape from Lebanon cannot be considered a serious option.

Moshe Shamir in *Yediot Ahronot* claims that those who speak of a political solution in Lebanon actually allude to a full withdrawal from the Golan Heights, although they would not admit it. He believes the problem lies in the Arab determination to destroy Israel, and nothing can be accomplished unless "a fundamental revolution erupts in their regimes."

*Ma'ariv's* Shalom Yerushalmi

claims that National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon is one of the sanest people in the government, after he declared his support for withdrawal from Lebanon. "The experienced Sharon and perhaps [Internal security Minister] Avigdor Kahalani are the only ones who understand the Syrian games. Sharon consistently claims that our fate in Lebanon should not be dependant on Damascus' good will."

A *Good Deal* The sale of 43 percent of Bank Hapoalim to the Arison group for \$4.8 billion "is the best economic achievement of the Likud government," claims *Ma'ariv's* Yosef Lapid. He compares the bank to a cow "that the Histadrut once milked, became an unwelcome guest of the Treasury, and now has achieved its freedom at the hand of the private enterprise, its natural environment."

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## NEWS

in brief

## Tel Aviv University students threaten strike

The Tel Aviv University Student Organization said yesterday it would stage a strike at the opening of the academic year unless the university reached a new wage agreement with junior faculty. Negotiations broke down on Sunday when, according to the faculty union, the university unilaterally cut their pay by 50 percent.

Jerusalem Post Staff

## State attorney seeks injunction vs. court workers

The State Attorney's Office has requested an injunction against administrative court workers who have staged sanctions for more than a week. The case will be heard in the Jerusalem Labor Court this morning.

The clerks maintain their workload is too great and that they need more personnel to be hired. Since the clerks are responsible for files, their sanctions have delayed many trials and detention hearings.

Basheva Tsor

## Shilon unsure if phone was tapped

Journalist Dan Shilon is unsure if his phone was tapped, but if it was, it caused him no harm, he testified yesterday in Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court, where Rafi Friedan is being tried for wiretapping.

"All of this wiretapping - it nauseates me and is the work of those searching for garbage," Shilon added. "But everyone has their work."

Shimon Sheves, former director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, also testified yesterday.

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## Bill would legislate journalistic immunity

The Justice Ministry has prepared draft legislation on immunity for journalists with regard to their sources. It proposes that journalists explicitly receive immunity as do lawyers, doctors, psychologists, social workers, and clergymen. Until now, journalist-source immunity was based on a legal precedent. The proposed immunity, known as relative immunity, can be lifted if the sources are substantively important to a court case and if there are no other forms of evidence on which to rely. It can also be lifted if this would prevent a serious crime or injustice. The legislation would decrease somewhat the absolute immunity of lawyers.

Basheva Tsor

## Survivors call for Croatian reparations

Moshe Zambor, chairman of the Center of Holocaust Survivor Organizations in Israel, has asked Foreign Minister David Levy to condition diplomatic relations with Croatia on its returning Jewish property confiscated during the Holocaust.

He also demanded that Croatia admit responsibility for the crimes it committed during the Holocaust and that schools teach about Croatia's role in murdering Jews.

Jerusalem Post Staff



Deputy Defense Minister Silvan Shalom (with tie), who is to take over the Science Ministry in 10 months, chats with protesting ministry workers outside the Prime Minister's Office yesterday.

(Isaac Harari)

## Science Ministry staff protests planned closure

By JUDY SEGEL

Dozens of Science Ministry staffers demonstrated outside the Prime Minister's Office yesterday, calling Minister Michael Eitan "Mickey Mouse" and carrying signs claiming that "he's speaking only for himself."

The ministry's 90 employees have appealed to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu not to close down the ministry, arguing that they are concerned not only about their personal futures but about the danger to basic research and infrastructure development, if there is no single "address" with the

prestige of a ministry.

When Eitan passed by the demonstrators to enter the building for the budget discussions, he argued that his plans to establish a statutory National Council for Research and Development would benefit, rather than harm science.

"People have given their all to the ministry, and now Eitan comes, works here a few weeks, and decides he wants to close it," said one embittered staff member.

Under Eitan's proposal, unveiled last week, budget for infrastructure research would be handed over to the Ministry of Industry and Trade, which is now responsible for applied

scientific research. In addition, Eitan would continue to serve as science minister - but without the ministry staff - and work out of the Prime Minister's Office.

But Deputy Defense Minister Silvan Shalom, who is to take over as science minister when a rotation agreement takes effect in 10 months, told the protesters that he opposes Eitan's plan. "If Michael Eitan doesn't want to be science minister, let him change places with me now," Shalom said.

The staff called on Netanyahu to immediately appoint a committee of experts to look into all aspects of the future of the ministry and its employees.

## UK banks said holding cash from Holocaust victims

LONDON - British banks could be holding as much as \$1.1 billion in dormant accounts opened by Holocaust victims, according to research published yesterday.

The government said it was investigating the claims that victims' assets were not returned by Britain after World War II.

The allegations came in a report by the Holocaust Educational Trust, which details how post-war British governments refused to return assets of victims of Nazi Germany unless they could provide exhaustive proof of suffering.

The trust, which examined newly released and unpublished public records, said there was no evidence that British banks had refused legitimate claims backed by account details.

But it said the banks were not as helpful as they could have been.

"As with the Swiss banks, the burden of proof was on the account holder to be aware of the money, and to find it," the report said.

The trust, whose research was pivotal last year in focusing attention on dormant accounts of Nazi victims held by Swiss banks, wants British banks and the government to publish lists of all victims' accounts and to return the money with interest to their heirs.

The government estimated in 1950 that between one percent and 10% of accounts opened by people in Nazi-occupied countries that Britain re-categorized as "allied" - including France, Belgium, Austria, Italy, Luxembourg, Holland and Greece - were unclaimed.

The Department of Trade and Industry has records of 200,000 frozen bank accounts.

"I have asked the government and the banks to make full disclosure and restitution so far as is possible," the trust's chairman, Lord Greville Janner, a former MP and an official of the World Jewish Congress, said.

"There is still time to make amends. All we ask is truth and justice," he added.

The research was prompted by letters to the trust from Holocaust survivors and their families who had read about the furor surrounding unclaimed Swiss bank accounts.

In Switzerland, more than 700 claims have been filed against war-era banks. Swiss authorities set up a fund for needy Holocaust survivors this year after international criticism that Swiss banks are sitting on millions, and possibly billions, in Jewish assets.

The trust is working on the problem with Britain's high-street banks, but the absence of centralized records is proving an obstacle.

"The banks' response is that it'll be very hard to do anything about these accounts," Stephen Ward, the main author of the report, told a news conference.

In the case of Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria - which London closed along with Germany as "belligerent enemies" - post-war ministers gave priority to reimbursing British firms that had lost assets rather than to compensating Nazi victims, the trust said.

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## Education Ministry accused of trying to sabotage Acre Festival

By HELEN KAYE

Unless the Education Ministry immediately disburses promised funds to the Acre Festival of Alternative Theater, scheduled for Hol Hamoed Succot, there will be no festival this year, organizers said yesterday.

The participating theater groups implied that the ministry is deliberately trying to sabotage the annual festival.

"I made a mistake in coming to Acre," said actress Idit Zur, who adapted and plays the title role in Aharon Appelfeld's *Katrina*. "I am a hostage to bureaucrats who don't care."

To meet financial obligations, the festival needs a minimum of NIS 750,000 of the NIS 1.5 million the ministry promised by September 18.

September 18 is the target date to begin ticket sales, but sales cannot begin unless the festival

takes place. The festival will not take place if there is no infrastructure, "and the organizations who provide it have to be paid, like hotels, publicity, and production costs to the theater groups who have yet to receive a penny," festival producer Gad Oron said.

To date, less than 20 percent of the money has actually come through. Uri Ofer, chairman of the ministry's Arts and Culture Financial Trust (ACFT), said that the ministry keeps stalling, "and I get a different rundown and set of excuses every time I call."

ACFT is the fiscal arm of the ministry's Arts and Culture Administration (ACA), which is responsible for initiating and implementing arts projects.

According to the ministry, the agreed upon subsidy is NIS 1.3m. of which NIS 1.1m. has already been paid, and the "rest will follow shortly."

## Anti-crime group gathers its forces

By CATHERINE COHEN

Metsila, the Council for Crime Reduction in Israel, yesterday discussed strategies on how police, municipalities, the education system and the public can cooperate in tackling crime.

"Success in reducing crime would only be achieved by full cooperation between the public and the legal authorities," Metsila head Brig-Gen. (res.) Elyashiv Shumish

said during a study day yesterday at the Ramat Aviv Hotel in Tel Aviv.

"Coordination and channeling of the resources are required for effective system handling and are Metsila's prime challenge."

Metsila, which operates under the auspices of the Internal Security Ministry, is reorganizing so that it can better coordinate between various parts of the public sector in fighting crime. Tel Aviv police chief Cmdr. Shlomo

Aharonishky went into detail about Metsila's new goals.

"The police have come here to participate in setting Metsila on its way towards improving the quality of life."

"We are dealing with a complex and difficult reality made up of many parts," Aharonishky said, "statistics in the region show a generally low rise in crime."

"This year there have been 78,000 criminal files in the area of Tel Aviv, this may sound like a lot, but divided by all the citizens in Gush Dan, it is relatively small compared to other areas in Israel."

"The most significant rise in crime was in drug-related and in juvenile crime."

"The new aliyah has brought new elements that we do not recognize and has created a new reality, and today, we are dealing with things that we did not have to deal with years ago."

"To meet this challenge, we need to look for new ways and a new creative system that can cope with the reality as best as possible."

"The emphasis of this system must be on crime prevention which can be achieved by creating new norms, techniques and tools, so that the council can cope with the same problems that the police deal with on the street."

"In this cooperative effort, it is important to clarify what the police must do and what the public must do," he continued, "it seems the public plays a central role, maybe even more so than the police, since it has the power to explain and to educate and therefore, create a community that does not accept violence and crime."

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# Mobutu Sese Seko dies at 66

## Longtime former-Zaire ruler was symbol of African despotism

By J. Y. SMITH

WASHINGTON — Mobutu Sese Seko, 66, whose despotic and corrupt regime ruled Congo — the country he called Zaire — for 32 years, has died in Morocco. He was 66.

Mobutu was forced into exile and lived in Rabat, after he was toppled in a bloody civil war in May.

The official Moroccan news agency said Mobutu died at Mohamed V military hospital "after a long illness." He had long suffered from prostate cancer and spent much of the last year of his rule in France under treatment for the advancing disease.

He fled his capital, Kinshasa, on May 16, one day before a powerful rebel force led by Laurent Kabila marched into the city to claim victory after a seven-month civil war. Kabila supplanted a reign of corruption that had made Mobutu a billionaire and reduced one of Africa's largest and most important countries to poverty and chaos.

Only Morocco's King Hassan II agreed to give him asylum.

A former sergeant who rose to be army commander in chief and then president, Mobutu seized power in the former Belgian Congo in 1965, five years after it gained independence.

Mobutu was credited with providing his mineral-rich and strategically placed homeland a measure of peace and stability. During the Cold War, he was hailed in the West as a bulwark against communism.

He stayed in office through political guile, the constructive sharing of graft with colleagues and potential enemies, outright oppression, including torture and murder, and a marked ability for making himself appear to be indispensable.

Throughout his career, Mobutu received crucial aid from foreign allies with varying strategic, economic, political and commercial interests in central Africa. His chief patron for much of that time was the United States, which provided about \$2 billion in foreign assistance. In return, Washington got a secure base for operations in neighboring Angola, where Western-backed UNITA rebels were locked in a long civil war with a Marxist government supported by Havana and Moscow.

France and Belgium were key Mobutu allies in Europe. Both sent paratroops to help him quell disturbances. So did Morocco. France received a base in his country for operations in Chad and elsewhere



Mobutu Sese Seko, seen in his last public appearance while attending the Central African Presidents' summit in Libreville, Equatorial Guinea, last May. (AP)

in its former African empire.

At stake was a country that covers half the area of the United States, shares borders with nine other African nations and holds vast potential wealth. Its mineral resources include 65 percent of the world's known reserves of cobalt and large deposits of copper, tin, uranium, gold, oil and diamonds.

Mobutu sought to hold his ethnically diverse nation together by making it more "authentically" African and by presenting himself as its creator and savior.

In 1971, he changed its name, and that of the great river that runs through it, from Congo to Zaire. The following year he changed his own name. The former Joseph-Désiré Mobutu became Mobutu Sese Seko Kuku Ngbendu wa za Banga, which, according to an official translation, means, "The all-powerful warrior who, because of his inflexible will to win, will go from conquest to conquest leaving fire in his wake."

Mobutu also made himself the object of a personality cult. In the controlled news media he was called the Guide, the Father of the Nation, the Messiah. Television pictured him descending god-like from the clouds. His mother was compared to the Virgin Mary.

The defining characteristic of Mobutu's rule was corruption. He was the chief beneficiary, gaining a fortune estimated at anywhere from \$5 billion to \$10 billion. Stealing was so widespread that the word "kleptocracy" was coined to describe the regime.

Mobutu had extensive holdings in Zaire, as well as deposits and several estates in Europe. For visits abroad, he sometimes chartered a Concorde. In the 1980s, he imported 5,000 sheep from Venezuela for one of his ranches; he did it by ordering a government-owned DC-8 to make 32 round trips between Caracas and Zaire.

In the context of the Cold War, Mobutu's human rights abuses

counted for less in Washington than his anticommunist credentials. Mobutu first became an "asset" of the CIA in 1959, and made his

first visit to the White House in 1963, as an army chief of staff, and as a guest of President John F. Kennedy.

President Ronald Reagan twice welcomed him to Washington and called him "a voice of good sense and goodwill." President George Bush entertained him at his summer retreat in Maine.

By the early 1990s, however, the conditions that had made him a valuable ally had changed. The great rivalry between Washington and Moscow had been settled. US diplomats began to suggest that the time had come for Mobutu to step aside.

In the end he began to lose his grip as a result of mismanagement and graft. As the economy declined, opposition increased. And as unrest grew, the regime cracked down. After students were

killed during a demonstration in Lubumbashi, the United States responded by cutting off all aid except humanitarian assistance.

In 1991 and 1993, riots by the Zairian army tipped the situation into free-fall crisis. Kinshasa and other cities were looted with heavy loss of life.

In 1994, Mobutu regained a measure of support when he allowed international aid organizations into the country to care for more than 1 million refugees who had fled tribal warfare in Rwanda. The exodus began when extremists among Rwanda's Hutu majority went on a killing rampage and massacred hundreds of thousands of Tutsis. A Tutsi-led rebel force then seized power, triggering a flood of Hutu refugees who feared Tutsi reprisals.

An estimated 350,000 Hutus remained in Zaire. They exacerbated relations with Zairian Tutsis, who joined forces with Laurent Kabila when he began his rebellion last October. (Washington Post)

## No tears for Mobutu

No crowds will weep for Mobutu Sese Seko. No flowers will be piled in mounds outside his score of mansions and palaces. No throngs of poor but grateful Third World people will file past his bier.

That alone should send a more powerful lesson to modern leaders than any they could learn from Princess Diana or Mother Teresa. If you want to die alone, unwanted, despised, and soon forgotten, you don't have to be one of Mother Teresa's destitute slum dwellers. Be a Mobutu Sese Seko instead.

Mobutu always declared himself a Roman Catholic, despite the animist magical superstitions he cunningly used to help control Zaireans. He obviously had little time for the key Christian text: "What does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses his soul?"

Of course some at least in his family will grieve for him before they turn their attention to the considerable spoils. But Mobutu was not a private person like most of us — he was the alleged ruler of a huge country, responsible for three decades for more millions of lives than Teresa and Diana together could ever have reached.

Beckoned by a whimsical African fly-whisk of fate to lead his people, he ruined them instead, plundering one of the world's richest countries for his personal gain.

### Our cronies

And while the self-righteous West is now tut-tutting over the atrocities of Mobutu's regime, no one should forget he was a Cold War creation of the United States. In the twisted morality of those days — he may have been a son-of-a-bitch, but he was our son-of-a-bitch — he may have turned Zaire into a slave camp, but it was a capitalist slave camp (he and his cronies got rich). That had to be better than a Marxist slave camp (the ruler and his cronies got rich).

Mobutu died in the early hours of yesterday in Morocco, only four months after the rebel Laurent Kabila finally forced him to relinquish his grip of Zaire. Mobutu gave the country that name in 1971 — Kabila promptly revived the former name — Democratic Republic of Congo — a first step in obliterating the dictator's legacy.

It may have seemed like Mobutu had been with us forever — but he was only 66. In Congo, the radio and television didn't even bother to announce his departure. Few remembered a fact that made the silence all the more ironic. Mobutu started adult life as a journalist. The media he had silenced for so long finally obliterated his own name.

Joseph Desiré Mobutu abandoned his fledgling media career for the military in 1960 as independence for the Belgian Congo loomed. Media power obviously

was not all it's cracked up to be. The young officer rose swiftly in his new career, all the way first to chief of staff, then to commander-in-chief of the army.

### Two to Katanga

This was by virtue of his close association with Patrice Lumumba, the charismatic (but Pan-African leftist) first prime minister. He appointed Mobutu his private secretary. Mobutu's rapid promotions came in the wake of the messy civil war of the Katanga secession when he was tasked with crushing rebellious troops. Only three months after independence, he staged his first coup, effectively ousting Lumumba. But it was the 1965 coup that clinched his power after

five years of civil disturbances. An anti-Mobutu rebel at the time, Kabila was banished to the wild east. There he remained, lost in obscurity, waiting 30 years for his day to arrive.

Western countries nodded approvingly — one more bastion against communist expansion in Africa was in place. Mobutu made no pretence of being a democrat, setting up the tried African formula of one man, one party, that's it.

In Zaire, he was sitting on a goldmine — and a copper mine, and a diamond mine. The wealth of the huge country bankrolled the poverty of its people. The leader's estimated personal fortune swelled to \$5 billion at its peak. At his death he owned some 20 mansions scattered across the haunts of the rich and famous in Europe, as well as his palaces in Zaire.

### Hot potato

Despite his ill health, Mobutu might have lasted in power till the end but for Mikhail Gorbachev. As the Cold War collapsed, Mobutu became a hot potato for the West. There was no disguising the corruption, despotism, and power abuse in the government and the wretched poverty, disease and human rights abuses in the country. In a twist of new-found conscience, Belgium, France and the United States cut all military and financial aid to Mobutu. When the dormant old enemy, Kabila, decided the structure was rotten enough, he erupted from the east, crossing the country in a wave of conquests to finish the job. In final indignity the vicious old clown in the leopard-skin hat wandered through Togo and Morocco, refused by his old friends in Paris to be allowed into the country even for medical treatment.

Meanwhile, back in the jungle not much is stirring in the liberated Congo people's lives. Every day a newspaper publishes the list of promises made by the new President Kabila which remain non-starters. At least there is still a cheery newspaper. But there's not much sign yet that Kabila too isn't setting himself up for an eventual unlamented departure. Mobutu-style, not Teresa-style.

## SF transit on strike

OAKLAND, Ca. (AP) — Traffic slowed to a crawl around San Francisco yesterday as thousands of commuters were forced into cars or already-crowded buses because of a strike by rail transit workers.

Freeways overloaded at rush hour under normal circumstances were strained to the breaking point by the 275,000 daily commuters who would normally take the Bay Area Rapid Transit.

"I just hope it ends soon," said Lisa Appleberry, an attorney who rode a bus to San Francisco from her home in Oakland. "It's a major inconvenience for working people because they're the ones who use public transportation."

Another woman riding the bus, Sharon Kidd of Berkeley, said her normal 15-minute commute on BART turned into a 3 1/2-hour nightmare as bus after bus passed her by, too full to fit in even one

more passenger.

"Give these people whatever they want and let us get back to our normal commute," bus passenger Dee Jackson said. BART's 2,600 train operators and mechanics walked out Sunday in a pay dispute, idling 56 trains that are a key part of the transit system for a metropolitan area with 6.3 million residents.

While the strike goes on, commuters were urged to use car pools, buses, or ferries, while buses were asked to let employees with computers and modems work from home.

Richard Eng, a surgical technician from Berkeley, had a different solution: He drove his trailer-home into San Francisco during the early morning hours and slept in it.

"I'll take it over there tonight so I don't have to deal with traffic," Eng, 31, said Sunday. "I know people there whose kitchens or bedrooms I can use."

## 'New Republic' editor fired for anti-Clinton line

By HOWARD KURTZ

WASHINGTON — Michael Kelly was fired as editor of the *New Republic* on Friday, after owner Martin Peretz decided he could no longer tolerate Kelly's relentless attacks on President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore.

"The chasm between Mike's opinions and mine, and Mike's opinions and those of other editors, was both wide and increasingly deep," said Peretz, a close friend of the vice president for three decades. "There was no other voice on the Clinton administration but his."

Kelly said the firing-by-phone came days after he refused to publish an unsigned item by Peretz saying the latest allegations of improper fund-raising by Gore were "overblown and old news." Kelly added: "I didn't think that should be our editorial position. I wrote him a memo saying, 'Here's why I think you're wrong and I'm right.'"

He said there were also management issues on which Peretz "felt I had gone against his will, whether we run this or that. We have had our disagreements. I regarded them as operational and not a big deal, and I guess he didn't."

A former *New York Times* reporter and Washington correspondent for the *New Yorker*, Kelly had been running the magazine for just nine months. Peretz named Charles Lane, a longtime *New Republic* writer and former *Newsweek* correspondent, as Kelly's successor.

Kelly's ouster was greeted with glee at the White House. He wrote the magazine's "TRB" column, which he used almost weekly to bash Clinton as a spineless opportunist and recount the latest twists of the Democratic fund-raising scandal. Breaking a long *New Republic* tradition dating back to the late John Osborne, Kelly hired no one to write the "White House Watch" column.

When Peretz gave him the news, Kelly said, "he mentioned specifically the subject of Clinton scandals and that I had written so many columns about that and he didn't like that."

On Gore specifically, Kelly said, Peretz "had expressed to me in the past some concerns on that subject." But Peretz said he "never actually had words" with Kelly about Gore, and "encouraged him to cover the vice president."

There have been public hints of such disagreements before. In March, when Kelly criticized Gore for having made fund-raising calls from the White House, the same issue contained an unsigned Peretz item dismissing the "fizzy of moral outrage." In a subsequent signed column, Peretz said that "Al Gore ... does not cut corners, ethically or intellectually," but that "a scandal-hungry press" was depicting him as "a Clintonian figure."

Peretz, who lives in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and holds the title of editor-in-chief, has been close to the vice president since Gore was his student at Harvard in the late 1960s.

In a strikingly tepid editorial endorsing Clinton's reelection, the *New Republic* hailed Gore as "a genuinely serious man with a view of the future both bolder and more nuanced than any other person in our public life. He will, we hope, increasingly define the name of a second Clinton term."

Kelly, 40, the son of a Washington newspaperman, said it is "simply not true" that he kept other political voices out of the magazine. He said he viewed the *New Republic* as a "big tent" and has run "all sorts of articles I didn't agree with." In one case, he said, he declined Peretz's suggestion that a staffer write about the Senate fund-raising hearings because that writer was busy and lacked the proper "expertise." In backing the boss, Kelly said, "there have been a number of occasions on which it has occurred to me I was risking my job."

One *New Republic* insider described the staff as depressed: "People feel they can't write about Gore. If they write pro-Gore pieces, they look like Marty fools. If they write anti-Gore pieces, they'll face Marty's anger. A lot of us feel it's an unacceptable way for a political magazine to be run." (Washington Post)

## Green-card request by former head of KGB alarms CIA

By WALTER PINCUS

WASHINGTON — Retired KGB Maj. Gen. Oleg Kalugin, a former chief of Soviet espionage and counterintelligence, last week denounced as "remnants of the Cold War" current and former CIA clandestine officers who oppose his application for permanent legal residence in the US.

He said the Washington-based consulting company he worked for had "encountered problems" after beginning the process of getting him a green card several months ago. The 63-year-old former top Soviet spy said at a news conference that he understood the "stiff opposition is somewhere in the CIA," though, he added, "it looks as if the retired [CIA officers] are in charge."

Kalugin spoke in Arlington, Virginia, before receiving an award from *Sources Journal*, a magazine covering intelligence, for his "contributions to the advancement of truth and integrity in government."

Kalugin said that he had not applied personally to the Immigration and Naturalization Service for a green card but that an application had been filed by his current employer, the consulting firm

Intercon USA Inc. He said he wants a green card now because he has offers from several corporations that desire his services.

"I never defected. I never betrayed my country. I never cooperated with any agency of the United States or any other country," Kalugin said. "I'm a Russian citizen trying to make my life decent and live in dignity."

Paul Joyal, Kalugin's colleague at Intercon and a former staff member of the Senate intelligence committee, confirmed that he had applied to the INS for a green card as the sponsor of the former KGB official and that "resistance" has developed.

Other sources, who asked not to be quoted, said officials within the US intelligence community were pressing to have Kalugin deliver significant new information about his former intelligence activities beyond the account published in 1994 in his book, *The First Directorate*.

Former CIA operatives who oppose his application for a green card point to his acknowledgment in that book of his participation in the death of a US citizen and double agent, Nicholas Shadrin, in 1975.

On Thursday, Kalugin charged that the CIA should bear the responsibility

for Shadrin's death. Although Kalugin said he had planned the kidnapping of Shadrin in Vienna, "the real blame for his death should be on those who sent him to Austria knowing he was facing a death sentence in Russia."

Despite published reports in the Russian press that Kalugin is helping US intelligence officials, the former Soviet spy insisted that he has not been the source of any information. CIA officials have refused to comment on the matter.

"In my own country I am vilified," Kalugin said, pointing out that he was the first ex-KGB official to criticize that organization in 1990 as being a threat to Russian democracy. "I am a culprit in the eyes of many. They call me a traitor and they cut my grounds from returning home... My reappearance back home today would be a boon to those who hate and want to see me in the grave. That's the reason why I do not feel like going home today."

Saying that he understood his situation makes him suspect, Kalugin said, "I have no complaints. I have no rights to claim anything. My options are open. I am not a defector and free to go home at any time, though it is a risky business." (Washington Post)

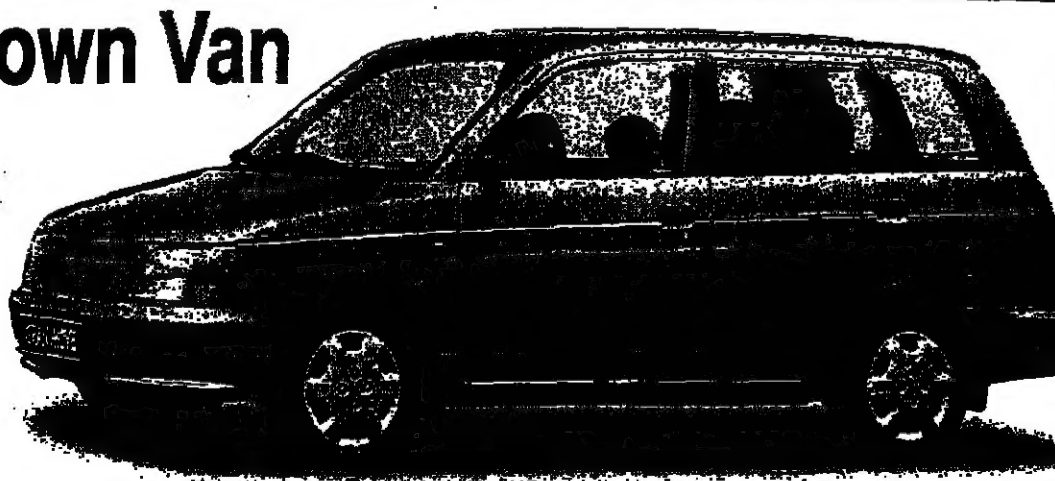
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# Back in the saddle again

US Border Patrol agents are fighting illegal immigration — on horseback

By WILLIAM BOOTH

DULZURA, California — Elias Herrera reins his big dun to a halt, turns in the saddle, creaking leather, looks down and counts. "Five, six, seven." He is pointing at tracks left along a fire-scarred ridge top in the Otay Mountains east of San Diego. It is brittle dry, and the twilight air smells like hot grass and warm horses. He rides on, reading the signs, how worn or fresh, how deep or sharp, what the dew or wind has done.

Elias Herrera is tracking humans. He is good at this, and lists the brand names of the shoes and sneakers that left the signs. He has tracked high heels through the desert and bare feet. This evening, based on the size of the prints, he guesses five men, plus a woman and child. The child is unusual this far into the desert mountains.

"They came across this morning," Herrera says, and they were moving north, of course, from Mexico, from the border, which out here is not marked by fence or river, but is real enough, just 8 km. away.

It could have taken the group two days to reach this spot, hiding by day, darting forward at night, trying to elude not only the horses but everything else.

Where are they now? Herrera squints, shrugs. "Could be laid up waiting for dark in a draw somewhere," he says. "Could be in L.A." Herrera is a leader of the US

Border Patrol's Mounted Unit, San Diego sector, and under his command are about 20 agents who ride the mountains and canyons far east of the city, in terrain too rough and isolated for trucks. They do this at night, some nights so dark a rider can't see farther than a horse's ears, can't see the barbed wire until he feels it, can't see the ravines that fall off like the sides of buildings.

While the debate over the costs and benefits of illegal immigration continues in the state capitals and Washington, out here in these beautifully rough badlands, things are reduced to the elements. Heat and rock. Smugglers and croppers — the polleros and pollas.

And, of course, *la migra*, the Border Patrol.

Spending a few nights riding the ravines and ridge lines with the mounted unit offers an insight into the brave new world of border control — a frontier that has been so radically altered in the last few years as to be unrecognizable to those who have not seen it recently.

A century ago, when the Border Patrol was first formed, all agents were on horseback. But over the years, the animals were replaced by all the new technologies of the increasingly militarized frontier: There are now all-seeing helicopters and underground sensors, night-vision scopes and all-terrain vehicles, searchlights and higher fences, speedboats and mountain bikes, and a big computer to keep

track of all the traffic.

But the horses and their riders are making something of a comeback along the 2,560-km. border that separates the US from Mexico. Agents on horseback are now being redeployed from California to Texas — because there is a new mission.

The federal government, after years of neglect, has pledged to "return the rule of law" to the borderlands. Thousands of new Border Patrol agents have been hired and millions of dollars spent on equipment in an attempt to control illegal immigration.

By all accounts, the San Diego sector was out of control.

In the last few years, the Border Patrol has initiated a series of new operations, including "Operation Gatekeeper" in San Diego, where they threw personnel and equipment into "the worst five miles of border in the world" and have succeeded in greatly curtailing the attempted crossings in the areas closest to the sea and the American suburbs south of San Diego, the sections known as Imperial Beach and Chula Vista.

Where agents once made thousands of arrests in a shift in Imperial Beach and Chula Vista, they now make a hundred, sometimes fewer.

But it is no secret that Operation Gatekeeper, while controlling illegal crossings in one section, has simply pushed immigrants east of the city, into the rugged mountains and deserts, where the numbers of arrests have dramatically increased. And so, too, has the danger.

"They used to crawl through the fence and run for it," Herrera says. "You know, a sprint. Hundred yards. They either made it or they didn't. The whole thing took five minutes. Now they're out here two, three days. Sometimes more."

Herrera's father's family still has relatives in Mexico, but he has no regrets about his job. "This is respectable work," he says. "The horses like the work," says Carmen Wilson, the tough, leathery blonde who supervises the mounted units. "They see things we can't see."

In the cooling night air, after the

flies have disappeared, the agents sit on their mounts and wait at a likely intersection for "traffic." That is what the agents call the illegal crossings.

Traffic. Or hits. "It depersonalizes it," Herrera explains.

"The horses will hear them first," Wilson says. First, their ears will lift and then their heads will turn toward the sound. "You can feel the horse between your legs," she says. "Their hearts start pounding." The horses actually lean forward, wanting to give chase.

The mountains here are mined with hundreds of seismic sensors, many dating from the Vietnam War. About the size of a suitcase, they are buried by the Border Patrol along likely routes. From time to time, the radios carried by the agents announce "hits" at the numbered sensors. "Four at 1422" means four people — or sometimes four coyotes or cows — tripped the sensor at location 1422, a code for a coordinate on a big grid of sensors tracked by a computer at headquarters.

More powerful than the sensors are the scopes. Each night, agents drive their trucks to the billposts and set up night-vision scopes on tripods, and scan the landscape. On the greenish screens, heat is shown as a white light. The scopes are good enough so that an agent can watch rabbits — shown as hopping white dots — from 5 km. away.

On the scope, some of the crosses run and hide in the brush. But you can't hide your body heat. The agent operating the scope radios to the mounted riders directions to their quarry. "Right in front of you. Twenty feet. A little to your left. You're right on top of them." That night they rounded up 108 trying to make the crossing.

The government wants to prosecute the smugglers, but it is difficult. Smugglers often warn their charges that if they rat them out to the Border Patrol, there will be a price to pay back home in Mexico.

The cost of crossing, according to anecdotal reports, has increased along with the difficulty of the journey. Where it once cost \$50, some crossings now say they are paying as much as \$500 for the trip to Los Angeles. (The Washington Post)



Tools of survival

A youth in Algiers shows his home-made weapons, made to defend himself against attackers. Panic gripped a western Algiers suburb this week after a massacre that killed scores of people.

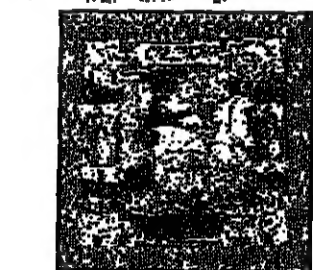
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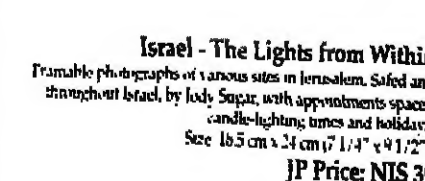
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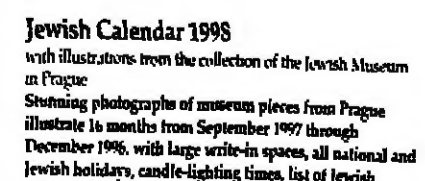
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## The press had a carnival with Di

By HOWARD KURTZ

WASHINGTON — "GHOULS."

That was the banner headline in New York's *Daily News*, referring to the paparazzi who swarmed over Princess Diana's wrecked car.

But above the logo, the paper proclaimed: "12 Pages on Princess Di."

Plenty of news organizations seemed a little ghoulish themselves after five straight days of saturation coverage, much of it maudlin, overbearing and breath-takingly excessive. Everyone — elite newspapers and lowly tabloids, news-magazines, rushing out special issues, superstar anchors camped out in London, local stations grabbing the

grieving at the British Embassy, talk-show hosts talking about nothing else — was feasting on the aftermath of Diana's death. It was an O.J. Simpson-like wave that swamped all else in its path, building on itself as it roared toward Saturday's funeral.

"Hounding Diana: What's Needed — New Laws or Common Decency?" Internet news site MSNBC asked, without apparent irony, in a telephone call-in poll. This came a day after a poll called "Death of Diana — Who's to Blame?"

"Who will be blamed for Diana's death?" asked Pat Buchanan on CNN's *Crossfire*.

A worldwide backlash that initially focused on the in-your-face tactics of the paparazzi has now spread to the media in general. Local reporters who've never done a royal story in their lives say they've been insulted when seeking person-on-the-street interviews about Diana. The day after Diana's death, construction workers in New Zealand attacked a female newspaper photographer who arrived to cover an accident. "Didn't you do enough killing someone yesterday?" one said.

"Normal" people should be "grossed out and sickened" by the sight of "human tragedy reduced to cheap melodrama," a *Wall Street Journal* editorial declared.

"If I were running a magazine, I, too, would find it an irresistible typhoon," said former *New York* magazine editor Kurt Andersen. "But what is there to say on the fifth, sixth or seventh day? I find my own boredom level being reached pretty quickly. Maybe it's because I'm not female or I'm not British. But I just don't get the

interest. When an editor said to me the other day, 'This is the most important event since John F. Kennedy was assassinated,' it really gets into the realm of the insane." Andersen now writes for *The New Yorker*, which featured reminiscences of Diana by its British editor, Tina Brown, in a special issue last week.

To be sure, the volume of coverage comes as little surprise.

Journalists pounce on tragedy. When a plane goes down or a building is blown up, small armies of reporters arrive. Start with the death of a glamorous princess, throw in the role of the pursuing photographers and the

drunk driver and you've instantly achieved critical mass.

But the sheer level of spectacle is something else. Barbara Walters and Larry King reflecting on their encounters with the princess. "She felt comfortable with *People*," former *People* editor Larry King told his successor, Carol Wallace, recalling his 1994 off-the-record tea at Kensington Palace.

"I believe that this woman was one of the most significant women of our time," program host Geraldo Rivera told viewers.

Jane Kirtley of the Reporters' Committee for Freedom of the Press said she found the media "canonization" of Diana less than professional. While it's fine for admirers to grieve openly for the princess, she said, "I am really troubled by these network news people jumping into the fray and taking the same position."

Celebrities have also blanketed the airwaves, seizing upon the tragedy to complain about overly aggressive photographers. Tom Cruise, George Clooney, Sylvester Stallone and Luciano Pavarotti. Fran Drescher and Whoopi Goldberg joined the chorus on *Larry King Live*.

Journalists have been endlessly creative in supplying new angles. *USA Today* did a cover story on Great Britain, the sleepy English village where Diana was buried. The *Sun* on Thursday quoted a Paris jeweler as saying he created a \$200,000 diamond ring that Diana's companion, Dodi Fayed, gave her at their last dinner. WCBS radio in New York found a couple who had hired Diana as a London babysitter.

Still, the argument goes, the media are giving people what they want. (The Washington Post)

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# You say you want a devolution

Labor's plan for Scottish and Welsh parliaments is drawing enthusiasm and criticism

By GERRARD RAVEN

LONDON — In the words of Prime Minister Tony Blair, voters in Scotland and Wales have the chance this month to inaugurate "an essential part of the new Britain."

Opponents of his scheme say the creation of parliaments to run the internal affairs of the two countries could lead to the splitting of the 290-year-old nation-state whose empire once spanned the globe.

"We are at the beginning of a motorway without exit to the break-up of the United Kingdom," said Tam Dalyell, the Scottish Labor MP whose name is synonymous with opposition to devolution of power from London.

A decision to suspend campaigning for the Welsh and Scottish referendums last week because of the death of Princess Diana brings only a pause in a heated political debate.

Yet what Blair and his opponents are arguing about is no greater a degree of self-rule than the peoples of Spanish Catalonia and Germany's Bavaria, not to mention California or Texas, have taken for granted for years.

Scottish electors will be first to the polls on September 11 for a two-question referendum.

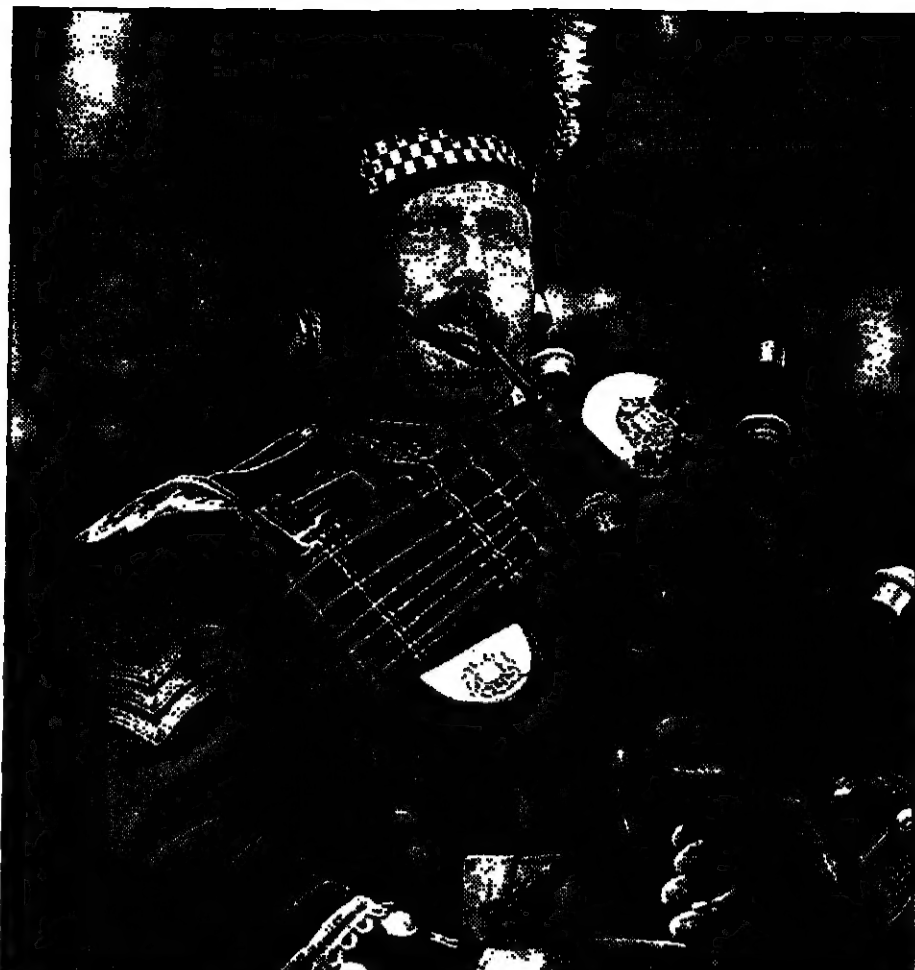
They are almost sure to approve plans for a 129-member Edinburgh assembly able to make laws affecting them, since polls indicate around two-thirds of Scots back the idea.

But they are less certain about the second question: whether to give it powers to raise or lower income tax by up to 3 percent.

The hopes of "No" campaigners were raised last month by allegations of corruption in the Scottish Labor Party following an internal party investigation into the suicide of Labor MP Gordon McMaster.

On September 18, it is the turn of the Welsh, whose proposed Senedd (senate) would be a far more modest body with no law-making or tax-varying authority. The Celtic nation, which turned down devolution plans submitted to it in 1979 by 4 to 1, is polls show, far from certain to endorse Blair's new plans.

"Changing the way we are governed [is not] an afterthought, a detailed fragment of our program. I regard it as an essential part of the new Britain," Blair said in a recent lecture.



Considering their experiences in Northern Ireland, Brits are left wondering if a successful devolution is just a pipe dream.

But Dalyell, who is now threatened with deselection as Labor candidate for the Linlithgow constituency because of his opposition to devolution, said: "This is the devolving of Britain. I'm not going to be silenced." Dalyell has formulated the question that all British pro-devolutionists struggle to answer: "If there is a Scottish parliament, why should Scottish MPs in the London parliament vote on, say, English transport policy, when

Scottish transport policy is decided in Edinburgh?" Labor's opponents say its enthusiasm for devolution has been encouraged by a desire to stifle the Scottish National Party's campaign for full independence, which won the separatist party the support of 22 percent of Scots in Britain's May 1 election.

The Conservatives say this is the worst possible reason for introducing reforms which are bound to set England, deprived of

any powers to govern itself except through the British parliament in which 112 Scots and Welsh MPs sit, against its two neighbors.

New Tory leader William Hague told the party's Scottish conference in June: "Labor's plans would slowly, but inevitably, introduce tensions into the United Kingdom ... tensions that the Nationalists would rush to exploit." But Hague's words carry less weight since his party, the only important political force battling for the constitutional status quo, failed to win a single seat in either Scotland or Wales in May. Labor won the bulk of the constituencies in both countries.

Scottish Nationalist leader Alex Salmond has made clear he will not be satisfied with only a devolved assembly for his country.

Justifying the decision taken by his party last month to campaign for a "Yes, Yes" vote to both questions in the referendum, Salmond said: "Once Scots taste power, then we believe they will want the whole thing." Such a prospect is far more remote in Wales, where support for independence is strong only in the few rural areas where the old Welsh language is widely spoken and where road signs in English are often painted over.

Plaid Cymru, the Welsh nationalist party, won a 10th of the votes in the principality in May and because of the concentration of its support has four of Wales's 40 MPs, a higher proportion than its more popular Scottish counterpart's six out of 72.

Hesitation about devolution in Britain may be the greater because the country's only recent experience of the idea, in Northern Ireland, was far from a success.

After the Irish Republic won independence in 1921, Britain set up a parliament at Stormont in Belfast for the remaining six counties in Northern Ireland.

The assembly allowed Protestants to dominate power in the province, stoking up resentments among Catholics which spilled over into violence in the 1970s, when Stormont was scrapped.

But Labor's plans for Scottish and Welsh parliaments include elections by proportional representation which should ensure that ruling parties in both countries will have to share power with other political forces. (Reuters)

## A slow boat to Kuwait

Iranian job seekers are risking their lives to take part in the petrodollars

By INAL ERSAN

KUWAIT — On a moonless night in Iran, 36-year-old Ahmad Reza kissed his sleeping child good-bye and promised his sobbing wife a better life upon his return from Kuwait.

His companions, who sneaked to Kuwait in the same flimsy boat, said he never made it to the rich Arab state.

He drowned, they told Reza's childhood friend Ali who was awaiting his arrival in Kuwait after reaching the city a week earlier.

"They left the boat off Fintas [south of Kuwait City] and swam to the beach," said Ali, who drives an American car in Kuwait.

"Ahmad was not a good swimmer." In contrast, Ali came to Kuwait in a fast boat during daylight with a Kuwaiti work permit in hand.

Ahmad, however, was one of hundreds of undocumented Iranian job seekers who flock to Kuwait each month.

For many Iranian job seekers the 50-km. trip across the Gulf is a lifetime dream. It is an opportunity to make 10 times as much money than they could in their homeland.

The so-called "infiltrators" pay about three million rials (\$1,000) to boat keepers for the perilous journey to Kuwait in the hope of finding a job.

Some boats manage, under the cover of dark, to slip past Kuwait's patrol boats and the state's floating checkpoint which inspects vessels for barred goods and illegal immigrants.

On land, police arrest about 100 illegal Iranian immigrants each month, diplomats say. The "more fortunate ones" take low-paid jobs and keep a low profile to avoid contact with police and labor inspectors, they say.

"When the police crack down on us, we hide at home for a week without pay," said Hashemi, an illegal immigrant, who works on building sites.

Hashemi and his colleagues wait patiently in the mornings on a

street in a Hawalli suburb, hoping a building contractor will hire them at a daily rate of 10 dinars (\$33).

Kuwaiti courts traditionally jail illegal immigrants for six months before they are deported at their own expense, lawyers say.

Kuwait has been a favorite destination for Iranian emigrants in recent decades. Some Iranians in Kuwait believe high unemployment rates at home has increased the flow of workers out of the country.

"There are no jobs, that is why they take the risk of going in a small boat to Kuwait without a visa," said Mehdi, an Iranian grocer in Kuwait.

Iran has a population of more than 60 million, with an unemployment rate of 10.7 percent and 20 percent inflation.

Laborers earn about 200,000 rials (\$70) a month in Iran. In Kuwait they can earn up to \$700.

Although each of the two countries sits on 10 percent of the world's total proven oil reserves, Iran has 30 times Kuwait's population.

Kuwait places tough curbs on foreign workers anxious to collect a share of the country's petrodollars.

"As long as we have enough unskilled [foreign] workers in the country, we are against allowing more of them to come. We already have too many," said a Labor Ministry official.

Kuwait hosts 1.25 million foreigners mainly from Arab and Asian countries.

Drug peddling is another problem for Kuwaiti officials.

"I came with two people who said they planned to work in a scrap yard. Two weeks later they were arrested for trading in hashish," said an Iranian illegal immigrant.

Some of the "infiltrators" carry narcotics to recover the cost of the trip, he said. "I think it is all right to bring a little hashish, but not to make a business out of it," an Iranian plumber said. (Reuters)

## Scotland, Wales recall past battles with England

By GERRARD RAVEN

LONDON — Centuries of struggle against English domination form the emotionally charged background to referenda on "home rule" this month in Scotland and Wales.

The names of heroes like Scotland's Robert the Bruce and Owain Glyndwr of Wales are being invoked by pro-devolutionists who want their countries to take the best opportunity for generations to grab a measure of power back from London.

Britain's new Labor government is proposing a parliament with tax-varying and legislative powers in Edinburgh and a more modest Senedd (senate) which would take local administrative control in Cardiff.

The new Edinburgh parliament would be a far cry from the sovereignty once enjoyed by the Scots, whose kings and chieftains were ever-ready to defend their domains against the English invader.

But Wales has only fitfully existed as an independent nation — the last time at the height of the

Glyndwr rebellion in the early 15th century — and many modern nationalists prize its ancient Celtic language above such symbols of national identity as a parliament.

Edward I was the first English king to claim sovereignty over the whole of what is now Britain when he declared himself feudal overlord of Scotland in 1290, installing John Balliol as his vassal king.

By that time, Welsh-speaking princelings had been fighting for more than a century to resist repeated incursions by the Normans, who had long conquered England, into their territories.

Norman castles dating from this period are dotted around Wales, the most famous being in the northern town of Caernarfon where Prince Charles, heir to Queen Elizabeth, was invested as Prince of Wales in 1969. Campaigning for the Scottish and Welsh referenda was suspended this week because of the death of Charles's ex-wife Diana, Princess of Wales.

Revolts by William Wallace, played by Mel Gibson in the film *Braveheart*, and Robert the Bruce

were eventually crushed by the weight of English arms.

They were followed a century later, by the great Welsh uprising under Glyndwr at the height of which the Celtic nation held the only parliaments in its history.

A little more than a century later, the Tudors, a Welsh family, ascended the English throne, giving their countrymen brief hope that the tables were to be turned on the English.

But the Tudors showed scant respect for their roots, and in 1536 passed an Act of Union declaring Wales to be "for ever and henceforth incorporated and annexed" into England.

On the death of the last Tudor monarch, Elizabeth I, in 1603, the English throne passed to James VI of Scotland.

For more than a century after this, Scotland had its own parliament, which was united with that of England in 1707.

The Jacobite rebellions of 1715 and 1745, the latter led by Bonnie Prince Charlie, marked the last military efforts by the Scots to over-

throw this arrangement, and were bloodily put down.

Even now, Scotland is in the unusual position of being part of a larger nation state, but having its own legal system.

Certain parliamentary bills are framed to apply either to England and Wales, or to Scotland.

As Britain's empire grew in the last century, opinion increasingly held that Scotland and Wales were irrelevant historical entities.

Referring to the Welsh poetry and music festivals, or eisteddfods, which still flourish today throughout Wales, *The Times* wrote in 1847: "An eisteddfod ... is simply a foolish interference with the natural progress of civilization and prosperity."

Schoolchildren in Wales were forbidden to speak Welsh in class while their Scottish counterparts learned the names of the English kings starting with William the Conqueror in 1066 rather than those of the Scottish monarchs Macbeth, Malcolm III or Donald Ban.

The 20th century has seen a gradual renaissance of Scottish and Welsh nationalism. The first MPs

calling for independence were elected in both countries in the 1960s.

There are now 10, six from Scotland and four from Wales, alongside scores of pro-devolutionists from the Labor and Liberal Democratic parties.

The demand for some transfer of power from England was hammered home in the May 1 British general election, when not a single member of parliament was elected in either country for the Conservative Party, the only major political force resisting constitutional change.

Alex Salmond, leader of the Scottish Nationalists, is upbeat about his party's prospects in an election for an Edinburgh parliament, which will be by proportional representation.

"We have fought every general election campaign playing away from home," he said after a special party congress agreed to campaign for a "yes" vote in the referendum.

"If we fought a Scottish parliament campaign, then we will be fighting on our home pitch." (Reuters)

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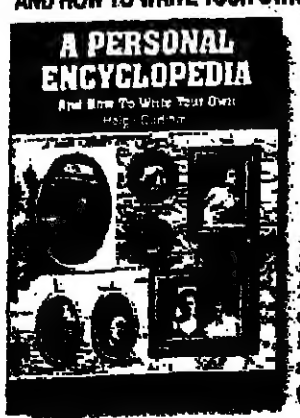


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## No peace; no territory

In a letter dated four years ago today, PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat pledged to prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, "a peaceful resolution of the conflict... a new epoch of peaceful coexistence, free from violence and all other acts which endanger peace and stability." Today this letter, which also pledged that the Palestinian National Covenant would be amended to remove calls for Israel's destruction, reads like a quaint remembrance — or a cruel joke.

On Sunday, Chief of IDF Intelligence Maj. Gen. Moshe Ya'alon conveyed his assessment that Arafat did not regard fighting terrorism as advancing his goal of achieving a Palestinian state. Further, Ya'alon testified that Arafat believes that his refusal to fight terrorism can be used as leverage to extract diplomatic concessions from Israel. Both Ya'alon and GSS head Ami Ayalon blamed Arafat's lack of security cooperation with Israel on the absence of motivation, rather than capability.

The claim that Israel's actions have forced Arafat to renege on his side of the bargain do not stand up to minimal scrutiny. In the four years since Oslo began, Israel has withdrawn from the Gaza Strip and the seven West Bank cities where most Palestinians live, as well as handed over civil control of almost all of the Palestinians in rural areas. On the other side of the ledger, Arafat has two main complaints: Israel did not hand over as much of the remaining empty territory as he had hoped for in the first redeployment, and Israel began building a Jewish neighborhood at Har Homa in Jerusalem.

Though Arafat can claim that Israel should not have pushed the limit of the agreement in these two respects, neither Israeli "sin" changes the big picture of Israel's fundamental compliance with Oslo. The big picture of Israeli compliance is made even more striking in contrast to the persistent refusal of the Palestinians to systematically, rather than sporadically, combat terrorism. In retrospect it is remarkable that, despite all the talk of "reciprocity," Sunday's cabinet decision not to implement any further withdrawals until the Palestinians have implemented their security commitments was not taken earlier. Until this decision, despite ample provocation and the change in governments, Israel has never said, in effect: Stop the train, we are unwilling to continue under these conditions.

Some Israeli pundits have reacted bitterly to the cabinet's move, claiming that the decision amounts to the end of the Oslo process. This claim is as disingenuous as it is remarkable. The

previous government held up the withdrawal from Hebron and the implementation of provisions regarding safe passage and Palestinian air and sea ports, all as a result of security concerns. Yet, back then, nary a peep came from the same quarters about destroying Oslo.

Now a legitimate security matter is not jeopardizing a small corner of Oslo, but the entire agreement. Ya'alon's and Ayalon's intelligence assessments confirmed the obvious: the fact that the Oslo accords committed Arafat to fight terrorism, first in principle, then in greater and greater detail, does not constitute sufficient "motivation" for him to act.

The cabinet decision was a last, but evidently necessary, resort. For four years, Israel has methodically carried out its core requirements under Oslo, and nursed its wounds as terrorism continued regardless. For Israel to finally put its foot down and demand that the Palestinians implement their side of Oslo hardly amounts to the agreement's abrogation, but to common sense born of desperation.

In effect, Israel is now beginning to employ its biggest stick while dangling its biggest carrots. If Arafat steps up to the plate on security cooperation, it is clear that Israel will continue redeployments, greatly restrict its right to build in the territories, and enter into final-status talks. Furthermore, it is clear, based on Netanyahu's reported Alon-plus plan, that while the nature and extent of the Palestinian entity remain to be negotiated, a Likud government has conceded on the principle of territorial compromise.

The reason for this is that the great majority of Israelis probably agree with author A. B. Yehoshua's recent plea in *Yediot Ahronot*, "Give Us a Border." In his essay, Yehoshua argued that Israel will never be as free as possible from terrorism until there is a border — armed, fenced, and guarded like the borders with the rest of Israel's neighbors — between us and the Palestinians. And that to create such a border we must enter final-status negotiations with the Palestinians as soon as possible.

Israel wants a border and so do the Palestinians. What is more, Israel is ready to negotiate that border. All Israel asks is that its negotiating partner, as agreed, do its best to prevent terrorism against Israelis. If Arafat is unwilling to do that, there can be no peace process, whatever Israeli government is in power. Israel's steadfastness in demanding that Arafat combat terrorism does not threaten the peace process; it is the only hope for peace.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### APPETITE FOR SCANDAL

Sir, — I am guilty. Along with everyone else in the world I am responsible for the death of Lady Di. Though I am not a regular subscriber or consumer of tabloids I do relish celebrity gossip. Who doesn't? This week, listening to the public outcry against the press and the paparazzi I couldn't help but be shocked at the public self-righteousness. After all the tabloids were created because there was a market for them. Two different factors created the tabloid, the public appetite for scandal and the publishers' need to realize a profit. This week despite all the platitudes being thrown around we should realize that we share responsibility with the photographers for what happened. After all it was our insatiable appetite that created this industry. But although we feel guilty now we are still curious about the rich, the famous and the infamous. So let's see who they'll hunt for next.

HARRIET STEIN  
CODDINGTON  
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### ARAFAT'S DECISION

Sir, — Following the latest bombings, it's distressing to read President Weizman's remark that "Arafat will have to come to a decision." Arafat's decision has long been obvious. Arafat has decided to collect both the price of peace and the spoils of terror. The decision that remains to be made is Israel's: What do we intend to do about Arafat?

MARK L. LEVINSON  
Herzliya.

### NON-ACTION

Sir, — What makes the nations of the world so inactive and even mute in their criticism of terrorism? Why is it that these nations are so afraid?

Yasser Arafat is always working with terrorists. It is almost as if he is a special advisor on the appropriate timing for atrocious acts of terror and when there should be periods of respite. Who remembers that it was his PA soldiers, ostensibly policemen, who only recently murdered Israeli soldiers? Each succeeding terrorist act seems to dull our memory of previous ones.

Instead of fighting terrorism, Arafat pleads before the United Nations, European countries and even the United States that he and his people are the innocent victims of collective punishment by the government of Israel. He reminds me of the classic joke in which the

son who has murdered his parents asks for the mercy of the court because he is an orphan. Only this is no laughing matter.

His ploy is to announce that he is rounding up terrorists. Of course, we all know about the PA's revolving door policy. Terrorists are jailed with great fanfare only to be released when wanting public interest permits. And what of land dealers who disappear and are murdered for the crime of selling land to Jews? Palestinians are tortured and languish in PA jails, while their appeals to human rights' commissions go unanswered.

Is the civilized world, with the noteworthy exception of US Secretary of State Albright, really so fearful of Arafat's terrorists that it is cowed into non-action?

Jerusalem.

### MEANINGFUL EDUCATION

Sir, — As a grandmother whose involvement in education can be limited only to keen interest and concern rather than hands-on direct contact, I respectfully and strongly urge young parents and teachers who want children to learn "ahavat ahim" — love and respect for fellow Jews — and other Jewish teachings of ethical behavior, to initiate projects in kindergartens and primary grades in all schools to counteract the despicable display of intolerance and sheer hatred in the torching of the kindergarten in Mevasseret Zion.

What can be a more meaningful

Shirley Schoffman  
Jerusalem.

## FROM OUR ARCHIVES

60 years ago: On September 9, 1937, *The Palestine Post* reported that a mutilated body of a young Jew had been found floating in the Yarkon River. He was apparently one of the workers employed in the construction of the new Reading Power Station at the mouth of the Yarkon River. A young Austrian Jew, Willy Weiss, was shot in cold blood by five Arabs on the Haifa-Nazareth road. An Arab constable was shot and killed by an Arab in Acre.

A large number of Polish Jews were brutally beaten in Warsaw and Kielce during the Jewish New Year period.

50 years ago: On September 9, 1947, *The Palestine Post* reported that in Hamburg more than 1,000 British troops armed with machine-guns, tear-gas pistols, steel-tipped truncheons and high-pressure hose-pipes forced the 1,400 *Evrodis* 1947 "illegal" immigrants to Palestine from

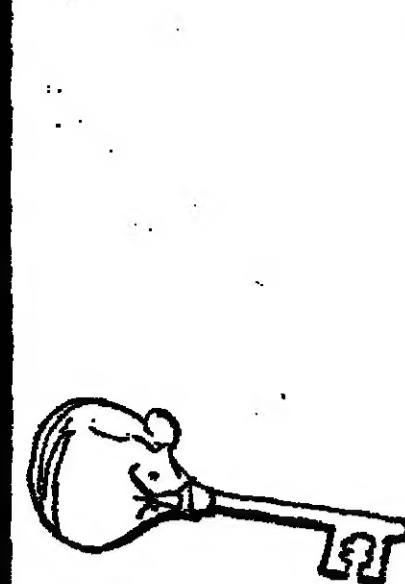
*Ocean Vigor*, the first of the three British "floating cages" to the prepared quay cages.

Many Jews were hurt before being overcome and dragged across the gangway.

The Palestine Arab Higher Committee issued a statement that the UN Special Committee's report on Palestine was "absurd, impracticable and unjust" and that the Arabs would never accept it.

Alexander Zvielli

## BOYCOTT THE FESTIVITIES



## Boycott the festivities

Under normal circumstances, the Lithuanian government's staging of special events to mark the bicentennial of the demise of the Vilna Gaon would be favorably received throughout the Jewish world.

Given the bloody history of the Holocaust in Lithuania, and the active participation of local collaborators in those crimes, these observances could be viewed as a positive step which could contribute towards a rapprochement between the two peoples. Indeed, what better way to foster understanding between Lithuanians and Jews than to gather together to study and honor the scholarship of the venerable sage Eliyahu ben-Shlomo Zalman who lived his entire life (1720-1797) in Lithuania.

If, contrary to expectations, these events have been greeted with skepticism, derision and even anger by various Jewish organizations and numerous "Litvaks" it is because it appears fairly clear that the extravaganzas planned for Vilnius has little to do with the Lithuanians' regard for local Jewish sages and far more to do with their desire to join NATO and the European Union.

The essential issue in this regard is not the Lithuanians' interest in the Gaon — which all agree is virtually nonexistent at this point — but rather their attitude toward their countrymen who murdered Jews and their lack of willingness to bring them to justice.

Unlike the situation in most of Europe, the Jews of Lithuania were not deported to the death camps, but were killed locally, in many cases by their neighbors. In Lithuania, all strata of society, including the intelligentsia, actively participated in the annihilation of the Jews and the Lithuanian police units were also involved in the murder of Jews elsewhere, primarily in Byelorussia. The widespread

### EFFRAIM ZUROFF

participation of the local population in the implementation of the Final Solution contributed significantly to the fact that Lithuanian Jewry had the highest victimology rate in Europe — 94% of the 220,000 Jews living in Lithuania under the Nazi occupation were murdered during the Holocaust.

If Lithuania, which gained inde-

**By marking the 200th anniversary of a Lithuanian Talmudic sage, the Lithuanians believe they can deflect criticism for failing to punish those who murdered Jews far more recently**

pendence in 1991, had honestly sought to confront its bloody past it certainly had sufficient opportunities to begin to do so. The problem is, however, that there is little popular support for such steps. Everyone is in favor of prosecuting former KGB operatives, but very few want to see Lithuanians tried for the murder of Jews.

The results in this regard speak for themselves. Not a single Nazi war criminal has ever been indicted, let alone convicted, in independent Lithuania. It has also been revealed that numerous Nazi murderers who were convicted by the Soviet courts have been granted rehabilitation with financial compensation by the Lithuanian authorities, despite the fact that the current Rehabilitation Law specifies that anyone who "participated in

genocide" is ineligible for such a pardon.

Under public pressure, a joint Lithuanian-Israeli commission of inquiry (of which I am a member) was established to investigate the situation and cancel those rehabilitations granted illegally, but to date almost no progress has been made. Although the Israeli delegation identified at least 70 cases of illegal rehabilitations in February 1995, not a single one has been cancelled.

Under these circumstances, with mounting pressure from Israel and the Jewish world for concrete action against Nazi murderers, and with NATO and EU membership hanging in the balance, paying tribute to the Gaon seemed a far more palatable alternative to the Lithuanian government. By marking the 200th anniversary of a Lithuanian Talmudic sage, the Lithuanians apparently believe that they can more effectively deflect the criticism levelled at them for failing to punish those who murdered Jews far more recently. That is the real reason why the events will be held in Vilnius this week and that is why they should be boycotted.

To do, other wise, would be to send the wrong message to the Lithuanian government, which is anxious to gain Jewish support for their cause without having to pay the internally unpopular price of prosecuting their countrymen who murdered Jews and cancelling the illegal rehabilitations.

We unfortunately cannot bring back to life the Jews murdered by Lithuanians during the Holocaust, but at least we can honor their memory by not participating in an event which will most likely help pave the way for their Lithuanian murderers to escape the bar of justice.

The writer is head of the Israel office of the Wiesenthal Center.

## The week that was

I cannot remember a week in which it has been more difficult to focus on any one particular issue. In very quick succession our attention was diverted from one dramatic and tragic event to the next, each changing our emotions but also begging for some coherent explanation and conclusion. Diana's tragic death in Paris, another eight bodies of three of the perpetrators of a heinous act of terror and five of its victims — in Jerusalem, and a dozen members of an elite military unit killed in the course of a mysterious mission in Lebanon which went terribly wrong.

As is always the case, one can attribute all these events to fate or the will of God, and try to derive from them some deeper meaning. On the other hand, one can view them as events which are tragic in themselves, but totally devoid of anything more than fleeting significance. Diana's death, and that of her Egyptian playboy boyfriend, was caused by a drunken driver trying to evade a bunch of paparazzi in the small hours of the morning, when most decent folk are fast asleep in their beds. The whole situation could have been avoided, but it was not. It was the culmination of a certain life-style, which was freely chosen by all those involved and which no one has openly condemned.

What is much more interesting is that despite the frivolity of the event and the people involved, so many people in the free world went into deep mourning, reminiscent of that which we experienced almost two years ago when our prime minister was assassinated. Why is it that so many people appear to need the symbol of Diana, not as she really was but as she appeared to be — a young and glamorous version of Mother Teresa, who also happened to die

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last week at a ripe old age.

Some are actually predicting that Diana's senseless death will shut the door on a royal family, whose only sin seems to be that it does not itself generate the sort of glamor that people, lacking any real sense of direction, clamor for.

THE terrorist attack in Jerusalem

**We live in an era in which we have more questions than answers**

was one more piece of proof — if anyone still needs proof — that the occurrence of such events is not a function of either a "defeatist" policy or a "national-pride" policy, but of the existence of people who are driven to such acts by distress, incitement, religious fanaticism or any combination of the three.

The question which remains unanswered is what is likely to decrease the likelihood or frequency of terrorist events — aside from greater vigilance on our part. Is it a policy of reconciliation or a policy of rigidity? Is it a policy which assumes that peace is possible or a policy which assumes that peace is an illusion? Unfortunately, we are no closer today than we were last week to answering these questions, though after every attack it becomes increasingly difficult to deal with the issue unemotionally.

And the events in Lebanon — they merely remind us that no matter how sophisticated and ingenious we are, we are fallible, and that immunity is not eternal.

There is a battle of wits and spunk taking place between ourselves and the Hizbullah in Lebanon. However, it is not the outcome of this battle which will determine the future. Once again, the tragic event, and its high cost in lives, is merely a reminder that there is unfinished business to be dealt with. It does not indicate how the business ought to be finished.

Is the right way to make major concessions on the Syrian front in order to attain peace on our northern border, since our problem with Lebanon cannot be resolved without a green light from Damascus? Is a unilateral withdrawal from southern Lebanon the right way, as growing sectors of the Israeli public, including the mothers of soldiers serving there, are demanding? Or must we simply wait until circumstances change and, until then, continue the battle as best we can?

And, in the meantime, are we going to let the IDF lick its wounds after its painful failure, recover from the shock and draw the required lessons, or are we going to insist on pouring salt on these wounds?

We live in an era in which we have more questions than answers, but in which we are nevertheless determined that someone be made to pay the price immediately for every tragic event. The paparazzi and tabloid press in the case of Diana, Yasser Arafat and all the 2.5 million Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip in the case of the three suicide-bombers on Ben-Yehuda, and some hapless general in the case of the naval commandos in Lebanon — as if that will undo what cannot be undone.

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## Princess Di RIP

WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY

People who get about bump into kings and queens here and there. A problem (in my limited experience) is that the subject royalty is really most interesting on, in brief encounters, is... royalty. If you have five minutes with the king, you are not really interested in his views on the Common Market or even on Star Wars, but you wonder about such things as: How many times in the course of a year does Your Majesty have to talk about the weather?

During my own encounter with Princess Diana (at the Reagan White House, with John Travolta), for all her reputation for informality, I took the precaution, in seeking an inanimate subject of common interest, to speak to her about jet lag (she had crossed the Atlantic that day). I gave her my son's prescription. On hearing it she choked up with wonderfully expressive disgust and drifted off, perhaps to talk about the weather.

My friend Bruce, working at the computer, spoke his sorrow over the news. "It's like Cinderella in reverse." The point is nicely made.

Cinderella began poor and lonely in shabby dress, was touched by the magic wand and fell into the royal ball, the prince enchanted by her youth and beauty. At midnight she flashed back to indigence and the torment of her step-mother and sisters, but the prince's levitation took over, and she lived happily ever after.

In her celebrated interview, Diana spoke of her loneliness in the royal household. She told of her problems with her health, admitted to an act of adultery and spoke of her passionate desire to regain her privacy and live happily, superintending the education of her two sons.

The divorce was quick and, because it had been publicly discounted, noiseless. The only rasp left in the proceedings was the quiet but adamant word: She would no longer be Her Royal

**How different it would have been if she had been ugly**

Highness. Indeed, even though she was no longer, as a technical matter, the Princess of Wales, she was able to continue to use that title.

She spent much conspicuous time in good civic enterprise, and was inevitably the belle of the balls she attended with some regularity.

Her overnight dalliance with Dodi Fayed was accepted by most as an entirely extemporaneous romantic attraction by a lovelorn ex-princess.

Others saw it as a personal act of irreverence: Nice blond princesses don't wander off with dark Moslem tycoons — not since Othello and Desdemona. Still others thought they were seeing strategic commercial planning. The union of Jackie Kennedy and Aristotle Onassis 30 years ago legitimized what in the public view would once have been thought of as on the order of miscegenation. But let it be, most people seemed to be saying.

It is known that the queen loathed Diana (which doesn't challenge the sincerity of her grief and shock), assessing most of the blame for the marriage's breakup to her. There was reciprocal blame assigned: How could anyone young and tender live with someone brought up, as Charles was brought up, without that love of family that his austere father deprived him of?

Yet we are reminded that the royal mandate stresses things other than fun-loving. The new biography of Prince Albert reminds us how successful an arranged marriage can be. The point is reinforced by the flood of books and movies featuring Jane Austen's young ladies and their methodical search for appropriate husbands.

Princess Diana charmed the whole world, but also reminded us, as the lives of her aunt, her brother-in-law and sister-in-law did, that the marriage bond is frail even in royal circles that it used to be.

It is an ironic masterstroke that the descendant of Henry VIII has been freed of an encumbrance by a mid-night accident in an automobile.

How different it would have been if she had been ugly. The marriage, contracted under such circumstances, would probably have lasted, and the grief over a mortal accident would have been formalistic. We grieve the loss of a delicate fairy-tale princess, perhaps the most beautiful woman alive, until that terrible moment on that Saturday night.

(Universal Press Syndicate)



# Wavy walls and stone igloos

Is the curious site of el-Ahwat, northeast of Hadera, a link to the ancient sea peoples who descended on the eastern Mediterranean more than 3,000 years ago?

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH

Walking the hills above Wadi Ara in 1992 in a survey of unexcavated archaeological sites, Dr. Adam Zertal of Haifa University came across something he had never seen before.

The site, northeast of Hadera, was of goodly size, some 30 dunams. It dated to the 13th or 12th centuries BCE, according to pottery remains on the surface — a period when settlements in the country were unexcavated. However, this site had a wall around it. It was, in fact, known by its Arabic name, el-Ahwat, which means "the walls." Moreover, the wall was very thick, some four to five meters wide, and had a most extraordinary wavy shape. Examination of archaeological records showed that no other site in the eastern Mediterranean had wavy walls, not even sites as far away as Asia Minor or Greece.

Zertal began digging there the following year. The deeper he dug, the deeper grew the mystery. Built into the defense wall from the side facing into the city were short passages leading nowhere. These "corridors," as Zertal called them, dead-ended after a few meters. The archaeological team took it as a working assumption that they were weapons armories.

Another curious architectural feature were stone "igloos" with false domes, a structure likewise unknown in the region. Perhaps they were the tombs of chiefs.

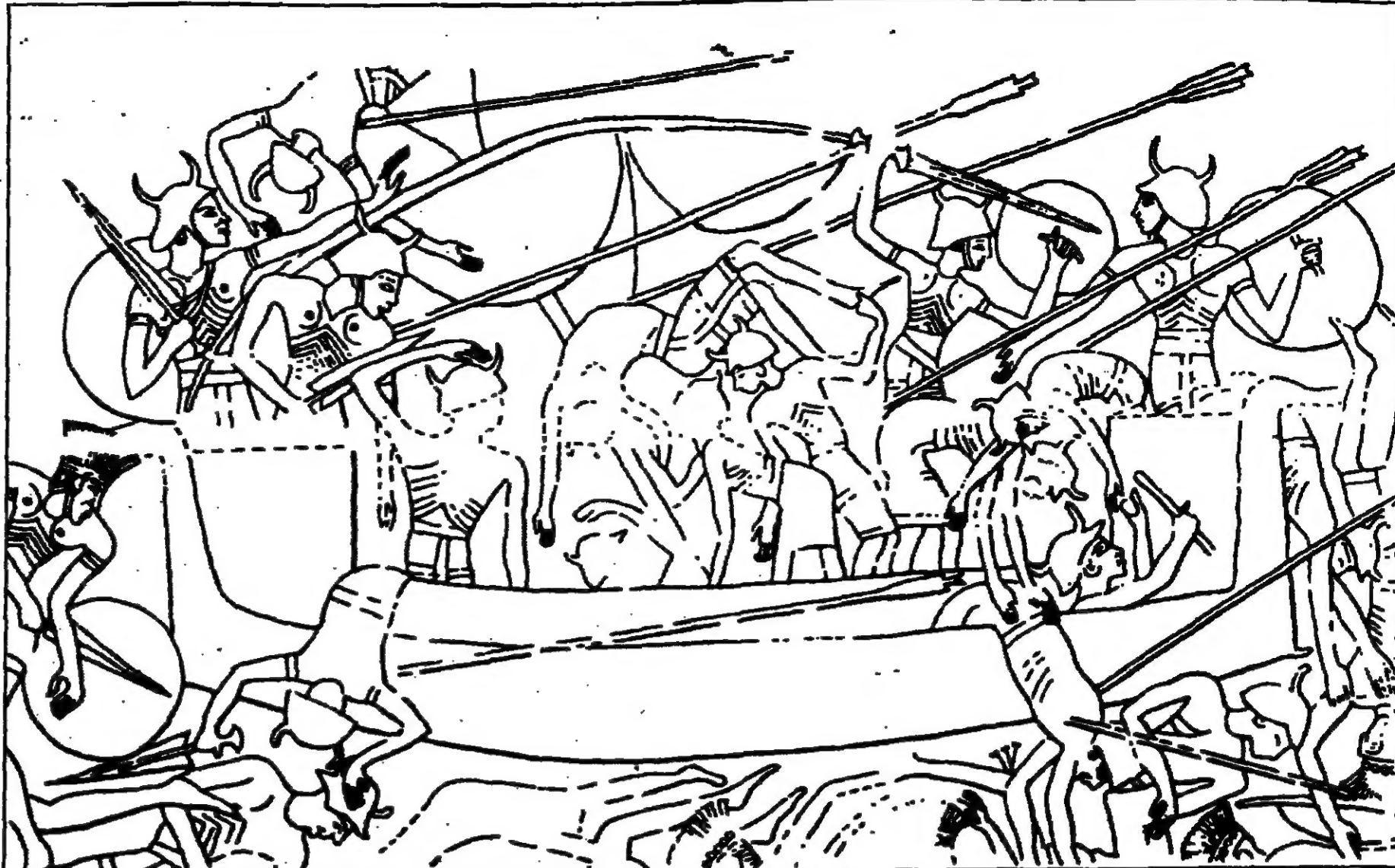
A colleague of Zertal's from Haifa University, history professor Michael Heltzer, noted that these features resembled archaeological remains he had seen on the island of Sardinia in the western Mediterranean. This possible con-

nection gave the site an intriguing new dimension.

In the past, Sardinia has been suggested by scholars as home of one of the sea peoples who descended on the eastern Mediterranean more than 3,000 years ago. It was a time when the old order of the known world was breaking up, reflected by the demise of empires and major population shifts. An Egyptian inscription speaks of foreign invaders making "a conspiracy in their islands" before descending on Egypt. One of these seafaring peoples mentioned were the Philistines, who would win their place in history because of their prominent position in the Bible. However, they were not the most prominent group back then.

It was the Shardana who were predominant in the Egyptian accounts of the sea peoples — sometimes depicted as enemies engaging Egypt in battle, sometimes as Egyptian mercenaries. There are indications that the Shardana were already serving as spears-for-hire for the Egyptians and others as early as the 14th century BCE. In wall reliefs in Egyptian temples, the Shardana were portrayed wearing horned helmets, in contrast to the feathered headdresses worn by the Philistines and other sea peoples.

Scholars believe that the Egyptians settled a number of the sea peoples along the Canaan coast as mercenary buffer forces after defeating them in battle. Ancient papyri listed three tribes on the coast in a north-to-south order: Shardana, Shiqalaya and Philistines. The area of the Philistines in the southern coastal region is well known. One of the papyri listed Dor — between today's Netanya and Haifa — as "a harbor of the Shiqalaya." The



Detail of an Egyptian wall relief showing the Shardana warriors. Did they come from Sardinia?

(Illustration from "People of the Sea" by Trade and Moshe Dorian)

Shardana were presumably somewhere to the north.

Considerable light has been shed on the Philistines in recent decades in a number of excavations. However, virtually nothing is known of the other sea peoples who, together with the Philistines, entered Canaan from the west at about the same time that the Israelites were entering from the east. There has been speculation that the Philistines came from Crete, but there is no proof.

If a link can be established

between el-Ahwat and Sardinia, it would be the first significant breakthrough in this direction, and the first direct connection between one of the sea peoples and a specific place of origin. The Sardinian-Shardana link was initially suggested on the basis of name similarity.

In 1995 Zertal went to Sardinia to see if there was anything there to suggest a connection. He was taken

aback by what he saw. The island was dotted with some 7,000 structures from the second and first millennia BCE. Known as "nuraghe," an ancient Sardinian word meaning "pile of stones," they were rural dwellings made of large heaps of stones. They consisted of subterranean chambers linked by corridors and roofed by the false-dome method. The chambers had windows. This Nuragic culture did not have cities and therefore no city walls, but the irregular shapes of the nuraghe themselves, including wavy shapes, echoed for Zertal the shape of el-Ahwat's city walls. So, of course, did the corridors and false domes.

For all the parallels, the city of el-Ahwat is not a replica of a rural Sardinian nuraghe. And the pottery found in el-Ahwat is simple Canaanite ware with no hint of a foreign origin — unlike the painted pottery found in early Philistine sites, which was so similar to Aegean pottery, it was initially thought to have been imported from there.

Prof. Giovanni Ugas of the University of Cagliari, heading a Sardinian team working with Zertal at the site, sees a "probable" connection between el-Ahwat and settlers of a Sardinian origin; but he says the excavation will have to proceed further before there can be a more definite reading. A promi-

nent Israeli archaeologist familiar with Philistine sites agrees that el-Ahwat is "a very important and unique" site. But he calls for caution before linking it to the Shardana.

Zertal is little inclined to caution after five digging seasons and his visit to Sardinia. "El-Ahwat should be looked at as a Shardana site with a mixture of local and foreign elements," he says. Shardana tribes

several generations of local acculturation — which could account for the Canaanite-style pottery.

As for the foreign architecture, a member of Zertal's team, pointing from el-Ahwat to the Arab villages lining Wadi Ara below, noted that they did not have red tile roofs despite generations of living alongside Jewish settlements, whose founders had brought a tile-roof tradition from Europe. "People keep

low U, as it were. Its appearance as a fortified settlement adds weight, in Zertal's view, to its linkage with the Shardana, a mercenary group.

The discovery of gold and silver jewelry, including rings and bracelets, indicates that the site was not just a fortress but a settlement that included women. The settlement was divided into quarters separated by stone walls.

El-Ahwat was occupied for no more than 50 to 60 years, another possible indication that its inhabitants were mercenaries rather than an indigenous group. There are no arrowheads or evidence of fire to indicate a battle for the site. The inhabitants had time enough to pack thoroughly, as few movables were left for archaeologists to find. Some Egyptian scarabs and seals from the 13th century BCE wedged into the stones, however, provided information about the site's dating.

Only 10 percent of el-Ahwat has been excavated thus far. Zertal hopes to dig in a Sardinian nuraghe for two weeks next summer to understand those constructions close up before resuming the dig at el-Ahwat. Future digging seasons may shed more light on the inhabitants of an intriguing site.

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men had been in the region for more than a century before el-Ahwat was settled. Egyptian documents show that they served as mercenaries at Byblos and Ugarit on the Phoenician coast, as well as in the ranks of the Egyptian army. Therefore, the founders of el-Ahwat, if they were indeed Shardana in origin, would have had

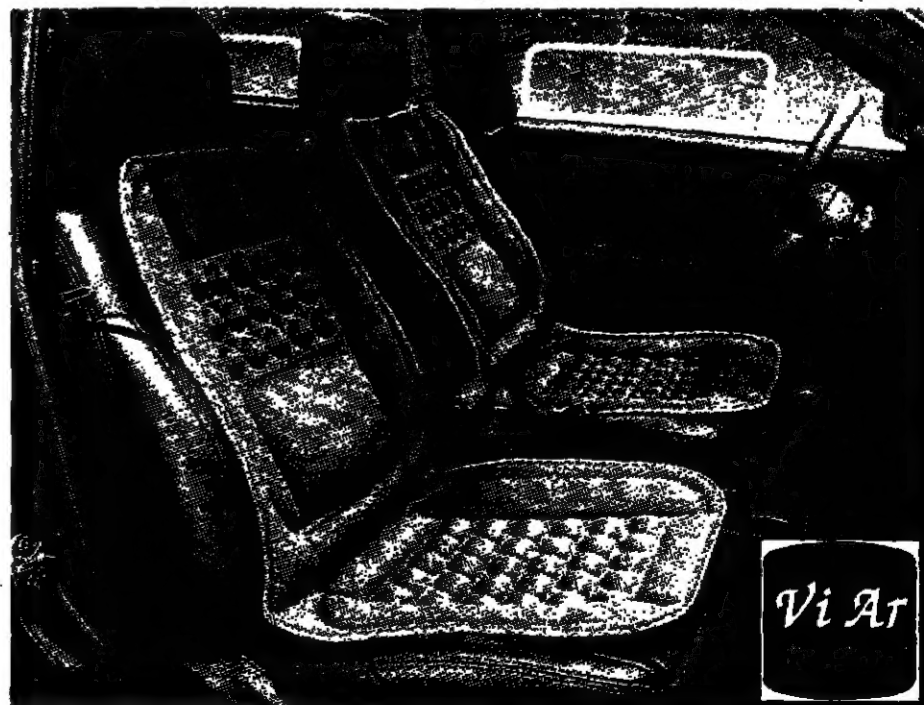
their architectural traditions a long time," he observed.

Whatever their origins, the founders of el-Ahwat were clearly military minded. The wall itself is testimony to that. Its wavy nature — apart from possibly being a building tradition — could have permitted the defenders to fire at attackers from both sides of a shal-



Top: An "igloo" with false dome roofing. The structure is reminiscent of ancient rural dwellings in Sardinia. Bottom: An aerial view of El-Ahwat. The name of the site means "the walls" in Arabic.

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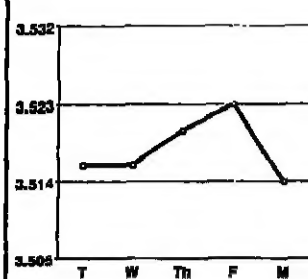
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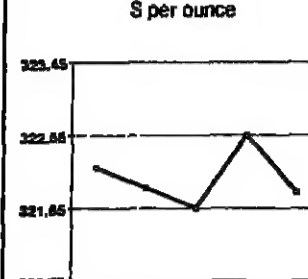
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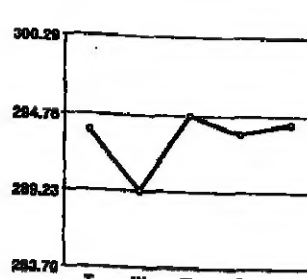
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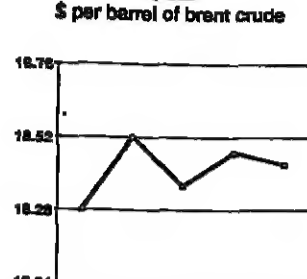
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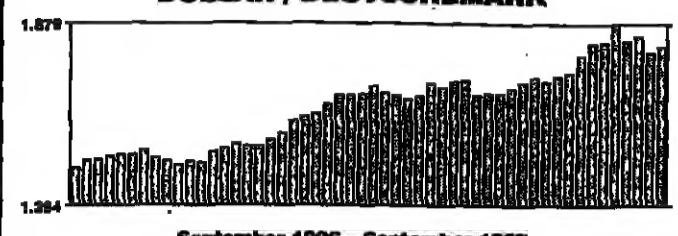
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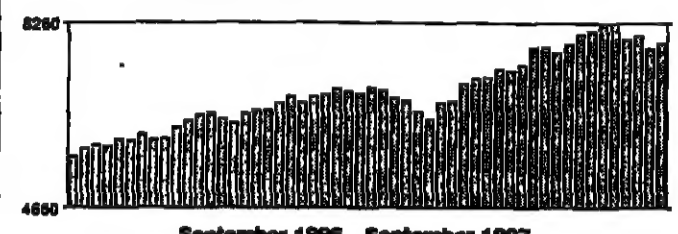
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### Hollinger net up sharply

Jerusalem Post owner Hollinger Inc.'s second-quarter profit increased 160% to \$18.5 million, compared to the \$7.1m. recorded in the equivalent period last year. The largest improvement in profits came in the Toronto-based newspaper publisher's Canadian interests, with earnings of the Southern Inc. chain being consolidated into its earnings for the first time.

Hollinger last year purchased a majority stake in Southern, which publishes the *Montreal Gazette*. Furthermore, the company said newspaper prices were considerably lower and advertising revenue was higher. *David Harris*

### African Dev. Bank helps members service debt

The African Development Bank said yesterday it had set up a mechanism to help poorer member countries meet interest payments on loans from the bank. The money will come from the bank's soft loan arm, the African Development Fund. Under its tightened credit policy, the bank itself no longer lends to Africa's poorest countries, but many have outstanding loans they have difficulty in servicing. The bank put its new Supplementary Financing Mechanism in the context of the Highly Indebted Poor Countries initiative, under which the World Bank and other lenders have agreed to write off debts of countries pursuing economic reforms. *Reuters*

## Makhteshim buys 51% of Spain's Aragonesas

By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

Makhteshim Chemical Works and Agan Chemical Manufacturers announced yesterday that they have exercised their option to purchase the remaining 51% stake in Spain's Aragonesas Agro for \$10.5 million.

Last year, Makhteshim and its subsidiary, Agan, purchased a 49% stake in Aragonesas for \$7.4m., including the option to purchase the remaining shares within the next three years. "During the past year, the company's performance has been very good, so we decided to purchase the remainder of the

company," said David Porat, deputy marketing director of Makhteshim and Agan.

A weak peseta also made the price attractive, Porat said. The purchase reflects a strategy to acquire companies in Europe and Latin America. In 1996, Makhteshim and Agan jointly bought four companies — two in Brazil, one in Argentina, and Aragonesas.

Makhteshim and Agan bought the Spanish company to expand into markets in Portugal, North Africa, and France. The two have other subsidiaries in North America, the UK, France, Italy, Romania, Greece, and Costa Rica.

Following the acquisitions, the companies will now "chew, swallow and digest" them before purchasing additional companies, said Porat.

As a result of the acquisitions, 87% of Makhteshim's and Agan's business is now conducted abroad.

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## US technology security firm Cylink buys Israel's Algorithmic for \$83m.

By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

Cylink Corporation yesterday announced the acquisition of information security company Algorithmic Research for \$82.7 million.

Cylink, a Sunnyvale, California-based technology security leader with annual turnover of more than \$50m., spoke to 16 Israeli companies before settling on the privately held, Givat Shmuel-based company. The company paid \$44m. in cash and \$38.7m. for nearly three million shares of common stock.

According to the terms of the agreement, Algorithmic Research, an Internet and smart-card security

company with sales of \$7.25m. in 1996, will become a wholly owned subsidiary of Cylink. Algorithmic Research will continue to operate under the current management from its headquarters.

Following news of the deal, Cylink's Nasdaq-traded shares were up 9% to \$14.125 in early morning trading yesterday.

Analysts said the deal will make Cylink a more formidable competitor in a consolidating high-tech sector where customers are increasingly looking for one-stop shopping.

"Now to get a complete security operation, you have to go to five to

six companies, this deal demonstrates that companies are looking to become one-stop shops," said Bill Burnham, a senior research analyst at Piper Jaffray of Minneapolis. "This will put pressure on companies like Check Point to create their own complete line of security products."

Cylink, one of the two leading security technology companies in the US, said the purchase will allow it to deliver a bigger line of improved network security solutions.

"Customers are looking for network security solutions enabling them to expand use of the Internet to lower their costs, access new

markets and provide better customer service," Cylink CEO Fernand Sarraz said in a statement. "Algorithmic Research's superior technology puts us clearly in the lead in offering Internet solutions that are open, robust and flexible to meet these customer needs."

The deal also will help Algorithmic Research penetrate the US market, the companies said.

"The biggest benefit of this deal is that Algorithmic Research will now be able to really get into the American market," said Yossi Tulpan, founder of Algorithmic Research. Most of the company's business

previously was conducted in Europe and the Far East.

Algorithmic Research develops and sells security software and smart-card products for the network security market.

Founded in 1987, the company, which has sales offices in Germany, Singapore and Israel, specializes in cryptographic technology.

Started in 1984, Cylink Corporation is a leading provider of commercial enterprise-wide information security solutions. In 1990, it introduced a line of long-range, digital, spread spectrum microwave radio systems available in a variety of data rates.



### Check it out

ECI CEO David Rudner (center) yesterday shows a display of ECI technological developments to (from left) Israeli chairman of the America-Israel Friendship League Dani Rothschild, AIPL president Mortimer Zuckerman, and AIPL board chairman Kenneth Bialkin in ECI's Petah Tikva plant. (Dan Osvender/Tel Aviv)

## New apartment sales up 5% in second quarter

By DAN GERSTENFELD

The second quarter saw a 5% increase in the number of new apartments sold in the big cities, the Central Bureau of Statistics yesterday reported.

During the April-June period, 3,830 new apartments were sold in the 24 major cities, in comparison with 3,630 in the first quarter and 3,770 in the same

period last year.

The rise was attributed primarily to sale of flats in advanced building stage, about 33% of the total supply of new apartments, while the number of finished and start apartments declined.

Most of the sales were in Rishon LeZion, Petah Tikva, Tel Aviv, and Jerusalem, in which 270 to 400 flats were sold. In Rehovot, Ramat Gan, Hadera,

Haifa, and Ashkelon 200-240 apartments were sold.

The number of new apartments offered for sale remained almost unchanged at 12,250, as against 12,210 last year.

Of those apartments, 44% were three-bedroom and 41% were four or more.

Despite the rise in sales, industry sources said the number of sales of used apartments over

the last three months was relatively low.

In addition, realtors report that housing prices in the main cities are also declining.

The fact that the housing index component in the consumer price index rose during the last two months, despite the market's slowdown, is attributed to the sharp depreciation of the shekel against the dollar in July.

## Galaxy CEO tries to combine IAI technology, US money

Brian E. Barents — wearing the jet-lag look of someone who's spent too many hours at a meeting — is relaxing after a large breakfast at a Jerusalem hotel as he discusses aviation strategy with a visitor.

Suddenly, he lunges from his chair for the exit, where a two-year-old child is stuck by a closing door. The 53-year-old executive jabs open the door and pulls the crying boy to the safety of his startled parents.

A moment later, Barents is back at the table continuing the discussion.

It's the type of rescue that Barents has been doing in the corporate aviation world. In 1989, Barents joined Learjet Inc. as president and chief executive officer as the company was fast approaching bankruptcy. The industry was waiting for the once-mighty executive jet manufacturer to die.

Barents engineered a comeback, slashing staff, reorganizing marketing resources, and developing a new product line. A year later, Learjet was sold to the Montreal-based Bombardier Inc. and rapidly grew into a company with a \$1 billion in sales.

Now, Barents is back as the white knight. This time his baby is Galaxy Aerospace Corp., a joint venture of Israel Aircraft Industries and the Chicago-based Pritzke Group. Unlike Learjet, Galaxy is not facing bankruptcy. But it has been plagued with delays and its product line has been poorly marketed.

Barents' job is to make

Galaxy into an American trail-blazer in the executive jet market. He inherited IAI's highly acclaimed, but poorly-selling Astra and presided over last week's rollout of the new Galaxy. The products are there, he said. Now, he has to instill the competitive edge that wins contracts.

"I had the opportunity to compete against the Astra over the years and found it to be a credible plane with good performance and value," Barents said. "But in many cases, the Astra wasn't involved in a competitive sale. I attribute this to the perceived lack of commitment by IAI to be a competitor in the long term, as well as lack of commitment to sales and marketing."

Barents says he's been turning Galaxy into a major player in the executive jet market. Sales in 1997 have been running at a rate of double that of last year. He has been developing an aggressive sales team to take advantage of the economic upswing in the US and to promote the company as an American firm, with manufacturing facilities in Texas. In contrast, IAI had to bring prospective customers to Israel to sell the Astra, a disadvantage in trying to woo US executives.

The executive jet market is not huge. About 400 executive jets are sold annually, about half in the small jet field, those priced at \$3million-\$5m. Less than 20% is in the medium-sized field, at \$9m.-12m. a plane. The remainder is the large executive jet field.

Sales of the Astra, priced at about \$11m., have been running at about six a year. Barents said he wants to double that and thus capture 20% of the market.

**BEEN HERE**  
By Steve Wozniak

"This is a very cyclical business that follows worldwide economic trends," he said. "We're experiencing increased profits and corporate growth."

Barents said the Galaxy opens up a new market. The prices of large executive jets run from \$20m.-\$37m., he said. Galaxy's price is about \$16m., just above that of a medium-sized jet, but much lower than the large planes.

"Our strategy for the Galaxy is to provide an interim step-up market for the small- and medium-sized market, with the features of a large plane but prices of medium-sized planes," he said. "We're the first aircraft in this segment."

Barents acknowledged that the Galaxy project was as unlikely as you could get. The program began in 1992 between IAI and the Russian plane manufacturer Yakovlev. Yakovlev had advanced technology and excellent ideas, but could not meet deadlines or raise money to cover its share of the risk. A year later, the partnership dissolved.

IAI was left without a partner but with excellent Russian-based technology. It found the Pritzke Group, which owns

many concerns, including hotels, but had no experience in aviation. Jay Pritzke was interested in the project, but wanted to ensure that it was managed properly. He insisted on Barents, who was interested in leaving Learjet.

Before joining Learjet, Barents worked for two years at Toyota Motor Sales. The lion's share of his experience was at Casasa Aircraft, where he began in 1975 as regional sales director and left in 1987 as senior vice president. He is a veteran aviator, holding the rank of brigadier general and still serving as chief of staff for the Kansas Air National Guard. He has flown several generations of tactical aircraft from the F-4 to the F-16.

Barents' job now is to bring the Galaxy back on schedule. He says the credibility of the plane has been damaged by the delays. His plan is to get the first Galaxy, with a range of 4,000 miles, delivered to the US in early 1998 and certified by the end of the year. He acknowledges that this should have been done years ago and that the delay has already brought out competitors.

Raytheon announced last year it will present a Galaxy-type jet, the Horizon. Bombardier is expected to do the same later this year.

"We will have a 2-4 year jump over the competitors," Barents said. "But one of the most unfortunate things in delaying certification is that it delays your competitors what you're doing." Barents is ambitious. He wants to

manufacture eight planes in 1998 and increase that to 18 by the end of 1999. His plan is to eventually manufacture 12-15 Astras a year and about 20 Galaxies. By the end of 1998, when he hopes Galaxy will be certified, he wants a two-year backlog in orders, or 22-28 planes.

He bases his forecast on what he terms Galaxy's base of 350 extremely loyal customers inherited from IAI. The economy is good and Galaxy's headquarters in Fort Worth, Texas is an excellent location in a politically-powerful state.

His concern is the nature of IAI. The state company has broken sales records over the past year and is expected to be profitable next year. But it is still subject to tight government control. IAI's cash flow remains weak, and it must seek loans for virtually every project. With IAI's first business being defense, Galaxy's civilian jet niche will certainly not be the priority of the politicians.

So, Barents said, a key task will be to impress government officials and MKs that Galaxy is a company worth investing in. And he made it clear that the company will need large investments to achieve his definition of success.

"There are working capital constraints on IAI," he said. "There are those in government and in the financial community who are looking very closely at us and whom we might need in the future to get more capital. A lot of capital will be needed to start up the assembly line, both in terms of supplies and labor."

## Clal, Koor disagree on Mishab issue

Globes News Service  
and Jerusalem Post Staff

Clal Industries and Koor Israel are in strong disagreement over a future share issue on Wall Street of Mishab, which the two holding companies own jointly.

Koor CEO Benjamin Gaon and Mishab's general manager Yossi Rosenne returned Sunday night from the United States, after a round of meetings with the Merrill Lynch investment bank.

Merrill Lynch is handling the sale of 30 percent of the shares of Neshet, which Mishab owns.

Merrill Lynch is presently negotiating with three of the world's six largest concerns, and a deal is expected to be signed with one of them by the end of the year.

Gaon and Rosenne reached agreement with Merrill Lynch that, immediately following the prospective sale of a 30% stake in cement monopoly Neshet, a US stock exchange issue of the shares of Mishab also would be considered.

On their return to Israel, Clal Industries general manager Rimon Ben-Shaul said that his company has "no interest in diluting our holdings in Mishab, and hence, the whole subject of the issue is irrelevant."

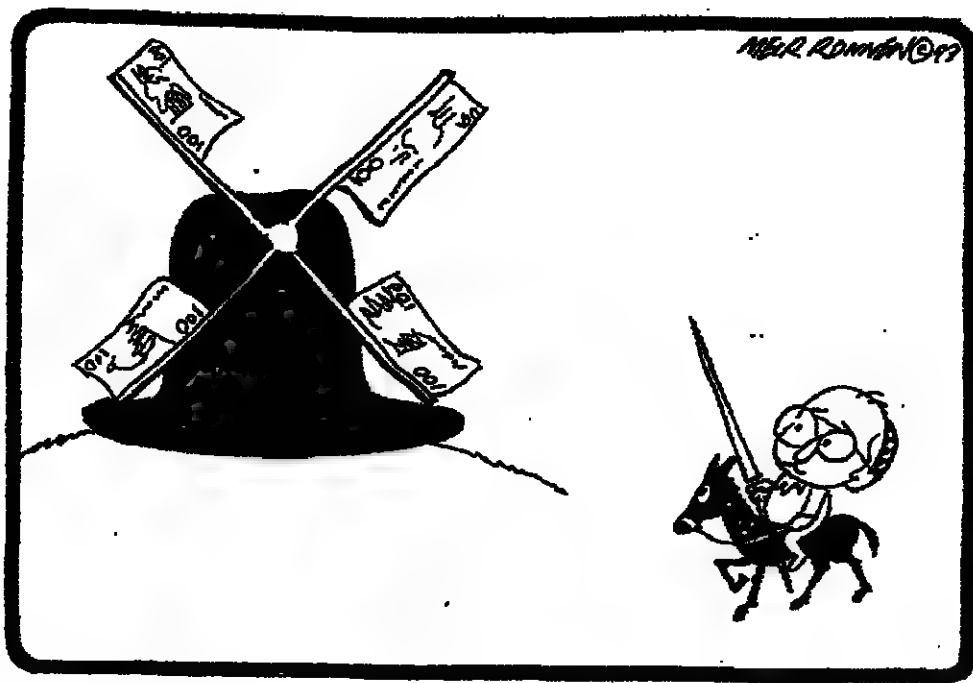
Antitrust Authority Director-General David Tadmor recently presented Claridge with a series of conditions to be fulfilled if its takeover of Koor is to be approved.

Clal's opposition to the Mishab flotation could be a problem for Claridge, as it attempts to meet the conditions posed by the Antitrust Authority concerning cross-holdings between Koor and Clal.

The dilution of the holding of the two concerns in Mishab could smooth the way for continued negotiations with Tadmor, as the parties seek an arrangement.

A Koor spokesman declined to comment last night.





## MOTORING

## Koreans can do

Too tough for the yuppie contingent, the 4WD Ssangyong Korando was designed for off-road riding

By JOEL GORDIN

President of Honda, Nobuhiko Kawamoto, once stated that city-dwellers who buy big, thirsty four-wheel-drive vehicles are "daff." And he explained why: "The vehicles are often not used off-road, yet carry around big tires, diesel engines and heavy military-type transmissions. It's a waste of money." There are, it seems, many unbalanced motorists throughout the world.

Sales of 4WD vehicles continue to climb. An ever-increasing proportion are bought by urban-dwelling, white-collar workers, most of whom venture no farther from the road than the supermarket parking lot.

All the big auto manufacturers, including Honda, have cashed in on these rough-riding "yuppiemobiles." They look tough, macho and off-roadish, but they are actually more at home on the highways than in the outback, despite their high suspensions and tractor tires.

The Korean-made Ssangyong Korando wanted to be a yuppiemobile, but something went wrong. The makers turned out a snoring, bucking, off-road vehicle more suitable for those who'd prefer to flaunt the hair on their chests than put suits on their backs.

The three-door Korando is the younger brother of the five-door Ssangyong Musso, which was introduced here a couple of years ago. Musso means "rhino" in Korean and the name Korando, believe it or not, is a contraction for "Koreans can do."

Outwardly, the Korando does not resemble its sibling. It's shorter by 38 cm., narrower by 5 cm., and higher by 5 cm. It weighs 60 kg. less. It's the type of vehicle that makes a statement even when standing still. It's round, stubby and chunky, but eminently attractive.

With its old-fashioned running board, it resembles a '50s Chevrolet or Ford truck. Any "urban cowboy" would also love the inside, especially the dashboard with its wood-colored plastic veneer.

The stick shift is the zig-zag type, finished in wood veneer and chrome. Luxury accessories include climate control, front power windows, electrically controlled side mirrors and a Clifford alarm system with an immobilizer device. ABS brakes are standard equipment, which are linked to a high-tech traction control system that locks the differential should one or more wheels slip on a bad surface.

There are numerous safety extras such as truck-shaped rearview mirrors that provide increased rear vision, and a signal bell to fasten seat belts. Airbags, however, are not available.

The seats are comfortable and tastefully upholstered. Front seats fold and slide forward, facilitating access to the rear seats. The luggage space at the rear can be enlarged by folding the back seats forward. I had no complaints about the looks, seating comfort, or interior space. I also found no fault in the soft suspension.

The 2,874cc Mercedes diesel engine, made under license by Ssangyong in Korea, may be eminently reliable but it's not the most modern on the market. It starts with a throb that could compete with an aging Egghead bus, but the sound and the fury do not signify much. At only 99 horsepower and no turbo, it is slower than a game of cricket and only begins to get moving when the rev counter reaches 3,000. It takes more than 20 seconds to get the Korando from 0-100 km/h and the in-between, or "overtaking," speeds are proportionally worse. It's the same when climbing steep hills. The Korando is in its element

when the tarmac turns into dirt—or mud or shifting sand, you name it. I took it over beaches, steep hills, slippery slopes and mud-filled gulches. It put them in its pocket. I could hardly feel the bumps through the splendid suspension system.

You engage the 4WD by simply shifting a button. When the going gets really tough, you engage 4WD low by flicking a switch after stopping the car and going into neutral. You can get even more power by engaging the braking gears 3 and 2 or a special extra gear called "2b."

The advantage of a diesel engine is not only that diesel fuel costs half as much as gasoline, but also that they generally use less fuel. The Korando's engine, however, is thirsty at the pumps. I calculated an average of 8 km/l. during the test drive.

In short the Korando, despite its stunning looks and finish, offers more value to serious off-roaders than to those who want a 4WD because of its fad appeal. Like the Musso, it has a big advantage in Israel because of its diesel engine and automatic shift.

The Korando is the least expensive 4WD with diesel and automatic. The others—the Musso, Mitsubishi Pajero and Land Rover Discovery—cost more than NIS 160,000. A manual-shift Korando ranges from NIS 128,000-NIS 132,000.

**SSANGYONG KORANDO**  
**THREE-DOOR FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE UTILITY VEHICLE**  
**ENGINE:** diesel, 2,874cc  
**HORSEPOWER:** 99 at 4,000 r.p.m.  
**TORQUE:** 19.6 at 2,400 r.p.m.  
**GEARS:** automatic  
**MAXIMUM SPEED:** 142 km/h  
**WEIGHT:** 1,815 kg  
**GAS CONSUMPTION:** 8.4 km/l. in town; 11.8 km/l. at 90 km/h.  
**PRICE:** NIS 140,728 (with VAT)

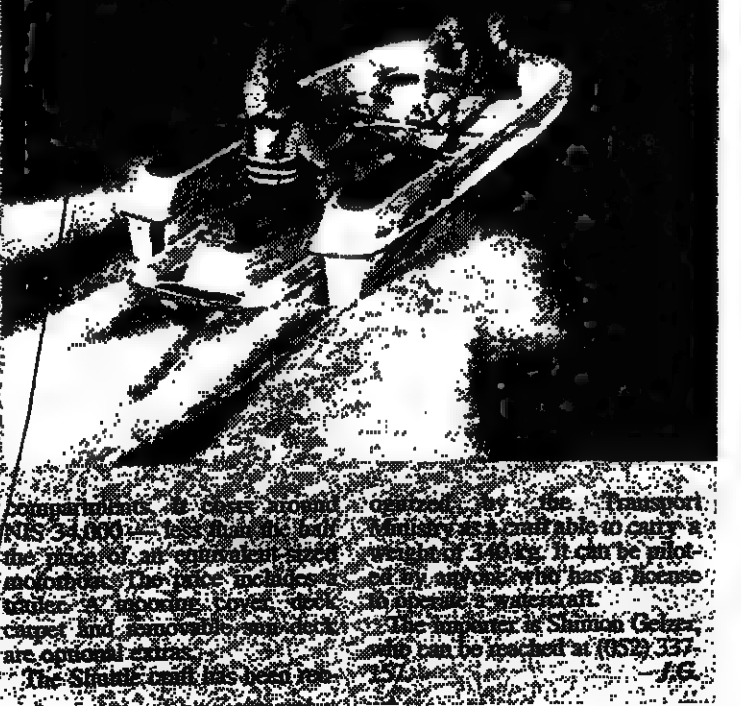
## Open and Shuttle case

Many watersports enthusiasts have to make an agonizing choice between purchasing a personal watercraft (more commonly known as a "jet ski") or a motorboat.

Now, with the arrival in the country of the Canadian-built Shuttle craft, they can have the best of both worlds.

The Shuttle craft is a 4.5m long raft with a dry weight of 268 kg. It is shaped in such a way that a jet ski can be driven into a niche in the rear end, hooked up and locked into place by means of specially constructed straps. The jet ski is then able to drive the Shuttle craft. The whole becomes one unit—a high-powered motorboat, or rather jet boat, capable of seating five passengers. At any time, the jet ski can be detached from the Shuttle craft.

The Shuttle craft is equipped with running lights, marine stereo, cupholders and storage



## THE CONFERENCE CIRCUIT

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

**15.9** Noted South African economist Dennis Davis will be the keynote speaker at a seminar on Economic Relations between Israel, Other Middle East Countries and South Africa, hosted at the Tuxedo Hall, Tel Aviv, by the Israel-South Africa Chamber of Commerce. Davis, advisor to the South African government on tax policy and legal advisor at the constitutional negotiations that culminated in the new South African Constitution, will speak on "South Africa, Three Years into Democracy."

**16.9** The buzz word on the economic scene is "global," which is why so many

people from abroad are flocking to the Royal Lancaster Hotel, London, for the two-day conference on Global Emerging Markets. Topics of discussion include: global mining investment; how the rise in pension funds will change the global economy in the 21st century; European stability; value investing at market lows; and equity finance in today's market.

**16.9** The Jerusalem International Convention Center is the venue for the high voltage 14th Convention of Professionals Working in Electricity Focused Fields. Presentations will deal with many aspects of electricity, including the

application of new standards; preventing electrocution through promoting safety in the home; electrical systems in public projects; and trends in electrical installations toward the year 2000. Problems that still confront the industry will be discussed. Some solutions to previous problems will be revealed.

**17.9** Speakers from Israel and abroad will focus on improving business activities to achieve optimum results at a seminar at the Dan Panorama Convention Center, Tel Aviv. Organized by the Israel Business Institute, the seminar is titled Target Record Profits.

## Dr. Frankenstein meets James Bond

From a nine-meter long watergun to a one-man flying machine, AD&D is creating inventions that would give any mad scientist a run for his money

By NICKY BLACKBURN

From the moment you walk into the offices of AD&D, Aero-Design & Development, you know it isn't your usual high-tech office. For starters, there are uneven patches of artificial grass over the carpet at the entrance. A further look around reveals scale models of helicopters and boats, propellers made of revolutionary new materials, the wing of a solar-powered aircraft hanging by an elastic band from the wall, and the odd Kinder toy or two on staff shelves.

In fact this office, in the Weizmann Science Park in Rehovot, seems more like a grown-up play room than a traditional office. Don't be fooled, however. These inventions may look like sophisticated toys, but there's nothing childish about them.

Over the past 15 years, engineering firm AD&D has created a string of cutting-edge developments in the aeronautical- and marine-design field for both the military and civilian markets. It is the only company of its kind in Israel, and one of only a handful in the world. Projects developed here employ the most advanced technology and materials. There are moments when you expect James Bond to walk in with Q, to try them on for size.

AD&D was founded in 1983 by Dr. Rafi Yoeli, who now owns the private company with partner Israel Guterman. While Yoeli isn't keen to discuss figures, or indeed the source of much of his funding, he admits that AD&D, with a staff of 20, is a profitable company that has a turnover of about \$2 million (NIS 7 million) a year.

Yoeli, an aeronautical engineer, decided to open AD&D after studying for his Ph.D. in artificial intelligence at the Technion University in Haifa. During this period, he worked as a consultant for Israel Aircraft Industries (IAI), as well as Boeing in Seattle.

With the remuneration he received from IAI, he opened a small office in the Weizmann Science Park. Gradually he built up profits, which he ploughed back into R&D, taking on more staff as the work increased. For the first six years he ran AD&D alone. In 1989, Guterman joined him when the Lavi Project, on which he had been working, was canceled.

AD&D provides clients with full product development capabilities, from feasibility studies to full-scale working prototypes. "It's a bit like creating Frankenstein," says Yoeli. "We take a blank piece of paper and inscribe the first lines of a new machine, device or vehicle. Then we design and simulate it on a computer. Then we build a model," he explains.

"This is the ultimate job for any engineer and is rare today. The payoff in personal gratification is enormous. That's why this can easily turn into an obsession," he says.

Sometimes the company is approached by a client who needs a new product to solve a problem or check out the feasibility of an idea. Other times, the company develops its own ideas either with in-house money or funding from other sources, such as private business, the military or the government.

AD&D specializes in a number of areas: aeronautical design, mechanical and naval engineering, and high-speed propellers. Over the years, however, it has increasingly focused on heli-

copters and vertical flight, partly by chance and partly because of Yoeli's love of flying.

Not only does Yoeli often wing his way to work in the company helicopter, but in his spare time he can be found paragliding, hang gliding, flying ultralights, and tinkering with radio-controlled model airplanes. "Aviation is [also] an obsession," he admits.

While Yoeli is not at liberty to talk about his military innovations, he is keen to talk about the company's civilian successes. These include a low-cost unmanned marine vehicle called Stingray which AD&D developed on its own initiative. The vehicle, which uses satellite communication, can be used for a variety of hazardous duties such as clearing minefields or environmental pollution. It can also serve as a communications relay or decoy for search and rescue and surveillance work.

Another successful project was carried out for Israeli helicopter company Chimrit, which approached AD&D after a request from the Israeli Electric Company for a system that could wash and

AD&D's latest device is a flying machine called the Hummingbird, which enables individuals to fly up to 10,000 feet at speeds of up to 60 km/h. A four-engine, 1.9-meter circular platform with a waist-high cage to stand in, the Hummingbird can be navigated simply by shifting your body in the direction you want to go. Like a helicopter, it goes straight up on take-off. "It shouldn't be more difficult than riding a bike," says Yoeli.

The idea was born in the US in the 1950s. American scientists developed a similar vehicle which was never commercialized because it proved too dangerous to fly. With today's advanced technology, Yoeli is convinced that the problems encountered in the past have been eradicated. The platform should be ready for a test flight before the end of the year.

While there are military applications for the Hummingbird, Yoeli's main target is the leisure market. He hopes it will become as popular as the ultralight aircraft.

Is the Hummingbird dangerous? "No more dangerous than flying an ultralight," Yoeli insists.

certain solution is really the best. If you start with that doubt, you can find ways to improve things.

"Engineering is usually conceived of as a gray area. If you say you're dating an engineer, friends say, 'how dull.' The kind of engineering that I'm trying to establish here is about expanding your limits, discovering how far you can go with your imagination. I want to be an engineer like Gaudi was an architect. To cut off the reason we were taught at school and take risks. If you don't do this, you can't move forward. And you have to be prepared to fail once in a while."

Yoeli admits that his first priority is not to become rich. "If money were the only motivation, this company wouldn't have grown to where it is. It's profitable. That's important because we can make a living and have fun."

Work and fun are keywords at this company. If engineers are working on a paragliding project, AD&D sends the entire staff to a two-day paragliding course. If someone is involved in a marine project, he learns to sail. All in the interest of science, of course.



Since the take-off of the heli-wash system, washing powerline insulators is no longer such a headache.

clean power-line insulators.

One of the main problems with washing these insulators is that it is too dangerous to wash them from the ground unless you disconnect the power lines, which causes a power outage. One solution is to tackle them from the air.

In just six weeks, AD&D developed a nine-meter long water gun made from advanced composite materials that fires high-pressure water at the insulators from a modified helicopter. Since then, several helicopters have been modified, and the system has accumulated thousands of line hours.

AD&D went on to develop other helicopter modifications such as a balcony that enables technicians to stand outside a helicopter cab and perform maintenance tasks on power lines; a system for threading steel wires between pylons; and a robotic machine that mounts plastic spheres on power lines.

Other successful projects include an advanced solar-powered high-altitude airplane; a miniature field control computer; and a number of revolutionary high-speed propellers.

"Today people are looking for excitement and speed, and this fills the requirement." It is likely that users will need a license to fly the platform, however. Safety features include an emergency parachute. Yoeli says the sturdy platform will be able to take a hard landing without damage. If one engine fails, the Hummingbird can continue flying on the three remaining engines.

At present, AD&D is funding the project alone but is looking for a strategic partner who will invest in further development to turn the prototype into a "safe and repeatable product." The company hopes to find sponsorship from a large manufacturer such as Kawasaki or Yamaha.

It doesn't take long to realize that much of the creativity and excitement that pervades AD&D stems directly from Yoeli, a shy, soft-spoken man who would rather philosophize than talk figures.

One of his hobbies is painting. Since 1995, when he took up the brush, Yoeli has already had seven exhibitions. Creativity is his motivating factor. "The whole premise behind AD&D is to consistently doubt whether a

What's more, Yoeli does not believe in overtime. "At 5 p.m. everyone goes home," he says. "Everyone here puts out maximum effort. After a working day, you need to relax so tomorrow you can come back refreshed. We set our standards high."

New projects are already on the drawing board. AD&D is participating in a feasibility study of a new aerial application aircraft it hopes to design and build. It has approached the Office of the Chief Scientist for funding.

In the future, Yoeli says, AD&D plans to begin developing some of its creations, turning prototypes into products to sell to the public. If so, he plans to create subsidiaries or sell production to another company and make royalties from the sales.

Whether these plans materialize or not, Yoeli feels he has already achieved some of what he set out to do. "I wanted to create," he says. "I wanted to be able to say to my grandchildren that I did this and created that. I already have quite a good feeling that we did a few revolutionary things. I want to continue to excel, to be on the cutting edge. It's fun."

## BITS &amp; BYTES

WITH JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

**Babylon creates translation software:** Start-up company Babylon has unveiled software that instantly translates any English word into the user's language. By clicking on any English word on the computer screen, the user can open a display giving the word's translation into Spanish, German, Japanese, French or Italian. Babylon is a member of Israel's Mashov Group. The software can be downloaded free at [www.babylon.co.il](http://www.babylon.co.il).

**ECI to provide Deutsche Telekom with network technology:** ECI Telecom and Unisys have been chosen by Deutsche Telekom as a supplier of ISDN Network Termination units, which connect subscribers to the telecommunications exchange. The companies did not disclose the sum of the deal. ECI develops digital telecommunications and data transmission systems. Deutsche Telekom

is the third largest telecommunications provider worldwide.

**Electric Fuel and Tomen to market electric car:** Tomen of Japan has signed an agreement to market Electric Fuel's zinc-air battery in the Far East. Tomen will represent Electric Fuel in the Japanese automotive industry and present the company's product to the government. The two companies will also set up an experimental fleet of vehicles and a recycling and refueling station for the zinc-air battery. Based in Har Zivim, this is Electric Fuel's first agreement in the Far East.

**Scltex and Komori announce strategic alliance:** Scltex Corp. and Komori Corp. have announced a strategic alliance for the joint development and marketing of products designed for prepress and pressroom operations. Initially, the two companies will focus on the interfacing of

their systems, while the deal's long-term objectives include the joint marketing of an expanded product line.

**S-1 Corporation visits Israel:** The chairman of Korea's S-1 Corporation led a company delegation on a recent fact-finding mission. S-1, a leading specialist in the field of safety and security, including protection of airports, ports, financial institutions, fire protection and rescue services, is jointly owned by the Korean Samsung Corporation and the Japanese Secom company. While here, the delegates met with several Israeli companies.

**Tadiran Batteries pens \$500,000 deal with Texas Instruments:** Tadiran Batteries, a subsidiary of Tadiran Ltd., has signed an agreement to supply \$500,000 worth of its lithium batteries to Texas Instruments. The long-life batteries, which can stand up under tough conditions,

will be used in California's toll-road collection systems.

**Top Image signs agreement with Mexican co.:** Top Image Systems recently announced that it signed a distribution agreement with the Mexico-based ADAMEX-IMC Group. According to the agreement, ADAMEX will market Top Image's form-processing, information-recognition and data-entry software.

**Venture capital conference set for Thursday:** A conference designed to introduce businesspeople to the world of venture capital will take place on Thursday at the Hilton, Tel Aviv. Sponsored by Ernst & Young, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, VentureOne and Sequoia Capital, the Venture Capital-High-Tech Entrepreneur Journey conference will explain the process of establishing a high-tech company and working with venture-capital funds.











## BMW returning to Formula One

FRANKFURT (Reuters) — German luxury carmaker BMW said yesterday it would return to Formula One motor racing in the year 2000, building engines for the Williams racing team.

BMW, which quit Formula One 10 years ago, said it had signed a five-year deal with Williams but suggested the company intended to remain in F1 even longer.

"The BMW board was united in its belief that now was the time to join F1," BMW chairman Bernd Pischersrieder told a news conference.

Pischersrieder said he was confident the company could develop a competitive engine within the next two years.

### LOCAL SCENE

## Erlich reaches 150 in ATP rankings

By HEATHER CHAIT

The ATP rankings of Israel's Davis Cup team to play against Morocco at the end of next week at Ramat Hasharon have Eyal Erlich at 150. Eyal Ran at 171, Ravi Weidenfeld at 217 and Noam Behr at 376. Nir Welgreen, the fifth man in the squad, is ranked at 418.

Erlich, Ran and Behr are all currently playing in the \$400,000 Tashkent ATP tournament.

In stark contrast to the local rackets is the Moroccan crack squad of Hicham Azaiz who slots in at 37 and Karim Alami at 52.

Martial arts: Israel's prowess in the world of martial arts produced silver and bronze medals at two international competitions this week.

Judoka Arik Ze'evi won the silver medal at a tournament in Bonn, Germany in the 95 kilogram category, removing the world junior champion from his path to the final where Ze'evi lost to a German entrant.

The first medal in a major taekwondo competition went to Elia Madar, daughter of Michel, the secretary of the Israel Taekwondo Association.

Elia won the bronze medal at the European Youth Championships (18 years) held in Greece in the 57kg group. Among her conquests were contestants from Cyprus, Croatia and Greece.

Golf: Max Shapiro battled the gusty winds at

## Soccer players should be wary of seeing red

By DEREK FATTAL

There is a red storm rising over local soccer.

Yesterday the sport's administrators announced a tightening-up of punishments for disciplinary offenses in the wake of weekend play which saw a record nine players sent off in eight National League matches.

In a bid to clamp down on unfair play, the Israel Football Association passed a new regulation under which players on the receiving end of a red card will face an automatic one-match ban for their first violation, rising to a two-game suspension for the second dismissal, and so on.

In other disciplinary news Hapoel

Petah Tikva's captain, Benny Kozoshvili is appealing a three-match "Euro-suspension" meted out by UEFA as a result of his dismissal in the club's UEFA Cup preliminary tie against Denmark's Vejle last month.

The Petah Tikvans are hoping that their captain will be able to play in at least one of the forthcoming ties against Rapid Vienna next week.

Also on the European front, UEFA yesterday rejected a request by Belgian club FC Brugge for their forthcoming UEFA Cup tie at Teddy Stadium against Beter Jerusalem to be played at another venue in light of the deteriorating security situation evidenced by last week's fatal terror bombing in Ben-Yehuda Mall.

## Rafter wins US Open crown

NEW YORK (Reuters) — Australian Patrick Rafter capped two weeks of sensational serve and volley tennis on Sunday by beating unseeded Briton Greg Rusedski to win the US Open title.

The 13th-seeded Rafter, who had been to five finals this year without a victory, claimed his first major title with a hard fought 6-3 6-2 4-6 7-5 victory over the biggest server in the game.

"I just can't believe it at the moment. I'm in a fantasyland," Rafter said after receiving the trophy and the \$650,000 winner's check.

"It's something you never dream of. Well, you dream of it, but you never think it's going to happen," said the deliriously happy champion.

The 24-year-old wonder from Down Under, the first Australian to win a Grand Slam event since Pat Cash at Wimbledon in 1987, joins a legendary list of US Open champions from Australia but is the first since John Newcombe's 1973 win at Forest Hills.

Rusedski, who had lost in the first round of his three previous trips to the Open, was obviously pleased with his showing despite the disappointment of losing the biggest match of his life.

"I've had a good run but Pat played extremely well," said the big lefthander.

"He had a great run and he deserved to win the tournament," added the Canadian-born Briton, who delivered the biggest serve ever recorded — a 143 mile per hour (230 kph) screaming service winner in the fourth set that left Rafter checking his racket to see if it was still intact.

"Pat was the bigger player today, he took the advantage on the big points and that's why he was the winner," said Rusedski, who earned \$350,000 for his first appearance in a Grand Slam final.

Rafter, who played by far the best tennis of his life here, losing just two sets in seven matches, sees his ranking rise to third in the world as a result of his Open heroics.

The matchup marked the first US Open final of the decade without an American competitor, thanks in no small part to Rafter, who took out Andre Agassi in the fourth round and second-seed Michael Chang in the semifinals.

The Australian heartthrob, who seemed to have the young women in



SAVORING THE MOMENT — Pat Rafter celebrates after beating Greg Rusedski to win the US Open title on Sunday.

the crowd pulling for him at every match, appeared remarkably cool and composed over the first two sets as he played the same brilliantly athletic serve and volley game that buried Chang in straight sets.

Rusedski, aiming to end a 61-year British Grand Slam title drought, seemed unnerved by the enormity of the occasion in the early going. His first serve was not going in and he booted far too many makeable volleys.

Rafter made the most of his break opportunities in the first two sets, claiming the Briton's serve once in the opener and twice more in the second.

The Australian calmly saved three successive break points to grab a 5-2 lead before serving out the first set and didn't allow Rusedski a single break point in the second.

Just when he seemed in for a swift straight-sets victory, however, the fact that Rafter was so close to a Grand Slam title appeared to sink in, and he tightened up with his first

serve percentage taking a nosedive.

At the same time, Rusedski lifted his game and began a valiant fight back, breaking Rafter early for a 3-0 lead.

"We both knew what was at stake," Rafter said of the mounting pressure.

The 13th seed broke back in the fifth game and held serve to level the set. But in the final game of the third set, Rusedski, who turned 24 Saturday, got two set-point opportunities on Rafter's serve.

On the second, Rafter appeared to produce a deep volley winner, but Rusedski came up with an astonishing backhand winner down the line on a dead run to send the match into a fourth set.

"I was a little bit down but after you hold your first couple of service games you feel a sense of relief," said Rafter, who went up an early break in the fourth.

Rafter had a golden chance to go up two breaks for 4-1, but Rusedski saved three successive break points with a big serve and some tremen-

dous shotmaking.

He later saved a fourth break point in that game before holding with a 139 mph (223 kph) ace and broke Rafter in the next game to put the set back on serve.

"I thought it could be going to five sets there, mate, and I'm going to be out here a long time," Rafter recalled.

But with Rusedski leading 5-4, Rafter reeled off eight consecutive points for a 6-5 lead that left him serving for the match.

He reached match point with an ace and followed it with a forehand crosscourt volley winner — just the kind of point that had gotten him to this momentous moment.

He then fell over on his back in disbelief before rising and climbing up the stands to celebrate with his friends.

"I just wanted to just lie down and go up it," he said of his immediate reaction.

"I just wanted to stay out there forever."

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New York	3.90	127	54	4.65	3	9	47
Toronto	3.95	126	54	4.27	974	12	30
Milwaukee	4.19	124	57	4.69	863	8	39
Anaheim	4.52	135	63	5.30	885	5	35
Detroit	4.56	129	63	4.82	823	6	35
Chicago	4.64	129	63	5.10	844	7	44
Texas	4.68	132	64	4.61	793	7	30
Cleveland	4.73	128	65	4.75	872	2	31
Kansas City	4.77	130	64	4.40	818	4	23
Seattle	4.97	131	64	5.24	82	6	32
Boston	5.04	130	71	5.37	854	4	32
Minnesota	5.07	132	65	4.40	763	4	26

## INDIVIDUAL PITCHING

Based on 14 decisions	IP	W	L	ERA
Clemens Tor	224	173	59	2.44
Rafaelson Det	190	126	73	2.64
Johnson Det	197	162	35	1.32
Cone NY	185	149	36	2.15
Perrier NY	214	157	57	1.41
Alvarez CHW	145	126	19	1.10
Key Bal	189	184	71	1.25
Mossina Bal	199	171	27	1.97
Appier KC	205	178	28	1.66
Ericsson Bal	193	184	51	1.10
Patterson Tex	62	59	21	5.8
Herrington Tex	232	219	61	1.39
Gordon Bos	172	148	69	1.45
Radeke Min	210	211	44	1.51
Fassero Tex	200	199	74	1.14
Merced Min	138	130	48	1.70
Hoyer Sea	164	162	39	1.75
Hagy Tex	202	222	65	1.33
Blair Det	147	159	42	1.68
BMcDonald Mil	133	120	13	1.10
Kamieniecki Bal	155	154	57	1.97
Dickson Ana	179	209	49	1.02
Oliver Tex	173	184	69	1.10
Tewksbury Min	134	164	27	1.72
DWells NY	200	203	41	1.35
Crisley Ana	164	152	45	1.55
Isaacs KC	186	181	41	1.17
Karl Mil	163	181	57	1.01
Witt Tex	190	216	62	1.06
WWilliams Tor	169	172	54	1.04
Hersher Det	172	179	58	1.23
Hochler Det	147	145	52	1.67
Walden Bos	168	168	71	1.29
Oliver Sea	161	171	76	1.96
Watson Ana	172	187	67	1.19
Burkett Tex	153	208	24	1.08
Baldwin CHW	177	171	78	1.26
Eldred Mil	176	179	80	1.10
Priest Oak	125	155	70	1.06
KHill Ana	159	181	82	1.08
Belcher KC	188	221	56	1.05
Springer Ana	167	171	66	1.67
Person Tor	123	120	56	1.98
Roberson Min	140	161	64	1.65
Ogles KC	103	115	40	1.67
Harmon KC	152	184	68	1.05
Lease Bos	157	174	72	1.06
Kasey Oak	132	166	47	1.92
Drake CHW	145	150	59	1.77
Navarro CHW	187	237	64	1.28
Hawkins Min	84	111	38	1.45
Wengert Oak	123	161	40	1.63
Sanchez Det	114	132	60	1.02

## TEAM BATTING

Team	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Avg
Baltimore	5057	763	1483	163	724	.293
Cleveland	4482	744	1341	192	694	.284
New York	4894	748	1397	134	710	.285
Seattle	4888	810	1383	224	781	.282
Texas	4920	703	1346	155	675	.273
Anaheim	4884	726	1329	135	678	.272
Minnesota	4893	662	1312	111	624	.271
Chicago	4773	671	1298	137	638	.271
Baltimore	4767	704	1281	166	679	.268
San Diego	4787	647	1265	134	644	.264
Milwaukee	4696	602	1230	122	571	.261
Detroit	4701	685	1220	156	651	.259
Oakland	4837	661	1244	180	617	.257
Toronto	4579	568	1155	135	544	.243

## INDIVIDUAL BATTING

Based on 330 plate appearances	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Avg
FThomas CHW	458	97	162	30	108	.354
Jefferson Bos	407	67	138	13	61	.339
Justice KC	409	76	138	30	88	.337
BeWilliams NY	430	92	143	18	76	.333
Elmer NY	488	96	161	25	99	.330
Salmon Ana	401	54	132	17	72	.329
Greer Tex	525	95	172	23	78	.328
Ramirez KC	466	84	153	24	75	.328
WClark Tex	393	56	128	12	51	.326
Stairs Oak	291	58	94	24	68	.323
McAuliffe Bos	450	82	144	31	84	.320
O'Neill NY	485	77	155	18	105	.320
O'Leary Bos	426	55	135	13	72	.317
JoValentin Bos	518	89	163	14	73	.315
Rodriguez Tex	523	83	163	15	62	.312
Roberts KC	357	48	111	2	37	.311
Garcia Bos	594	108	184	25	83	.310
Griffey Jr Sea	533	109	165	49	132	.310
Officer KC	350	52	107	2	32	.304
Ersad Ana	513	93	156	14	69	.304
Molitor Min	473	54	144	10	84	.304
Corra Sea	513	93	155	9	50	.302
Coomer Min	442	52	133	9	67	.301
AlRodriguez Sea	523	92	157	22	75	.300
Stanley NY	294	51	88	14	59	.299
Higginson Det	463	83	138	24	82	.298
Salmon Ana	503	80	150	28	112	.298
Yammar NY	533	89	159	41	127	.298
Alomar Bal	342	52	102	10	43	.298
Knoibach Min	534	107	158	9	53	.296
CDavis KC	422	65	125	28	83	.296
Ganderson Ana	536	69	158	7	78	.295
Byrd Bos	513	85	151	16	68	.294
Johnson Tex	346	54	101	16	58	.292
Johnson Tex	455	71	133	33	109	.292
Clayton Bal	540	70	137	16	80	.291
Griffin Bal	503	66	146	8	74	.290
Raines Bal	404	48	117	14	40	.290
Thome KC	422	90	122	32	94	.289
Berros Oak	484	79	140	23	82	.289
Griffey Jr Sea	441	58	127	17	67	.288
Beck KC	507	78	146	20	82	.288
Loretta Min	362	47	104	5	42	.287
Frye Bos	328	46	94	2	40	.287
Nelson Min	505	66	144	20	80	.285
Hollins Ana	495	89	141	13	74	.285
Edmonds Ana	426	71	121	21	68	.284
Surhoff Bal	458	74	130	16	78	.284
McGwire Oak	366	48	104	34	81	.284
McGwire Oak	440	69	124	11	44	.282
Leyritz Tex	363	58	102	11	62	.281
Vizquel KC	491	79	138	4	40	.281

## TEAM BATTING

Team	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Avg
San Diego	501	95	140	30	104	.279
St. Louis	473	81	132	7	54	.279
Phillips Ana	360	59	100	6	37	.278
San Diego	484	58	122	8	45	.277
Cardero Bos	488	73	135	15	63	.277
Soriano Sea	397	63	110	27	72	.277
Curtis NY	283	49	78	14	46	.276
Termauer KC	351	47	97	8	39	.276
Boggs NY	309	41	85	3	20	.275
Burris Min	423	76	116	24	67	.274
Meares Min	392	57	107	9	54	.273
Hastberg Bos	305	38	83	8	36	.272
DeVos Sea	419	56	114	20	63	.272
Hammonds Bal	359	62	97	19	50	.270
Belle CHW	552	79	149	27	100	.270
Fryman Det	509	77	137	18	90	.269
DaWilson Sea	448	57	120	12	67	.268
Goodwin Tex	503	77	134	2	35	.266
Merced Tor	368	45	98	9	40	.266
Johnson Mil	423	52	112	15	54	.265
Steinbach Min	400	57	106	12	53	.265
BLHunter Det	571	96	151	4	41	.264
Giles KC	312	54	82	16	49	.263
Easley Det	456	82	120	19	58	.263
Girardi NY	376	36	99	1	49	.263
Durham CHW	549	88	144	9	46	.262
Becker Min	389	53	102	10	41	.262
Grissom KC	481	62	126	10	57	.262
Nixon Tor	401	54	105	1	26	.262
McLennan Tor	349	47	91	1	25	.261
MaWilliams Det	77	135	29	29	260	.260
Cameron CHW	315	56	81	13	50	.257
Briggs Bos	456	59	117	9	52	.257
Cruz Jr Tor	320	52	82	23	59	.256
Palmer KC	481	63	123	19	77	.256
Hays NY	317	37	81	11	48	.256
NPalmieri Bal	542	84	139	33	95	.256
GeWilliams Mil	511	66	130	10	41	.254
Fielder NY	319	35	81	10	51	.254
Alicia Ana	344	51	87	5	33	.253
Chapman Tor	444	66	112	29	86	.252
DCruz Det	372	31	93	2	37	.250
AGonzalez Tor	385	42	96	12	34	.249
Mashore Oak	279	35	69	3	18	.247
Lawton Min	397	58	77	9	44	.244
Ogden CHW	442	50	108	3	42	.244
Carter Tor	528	48	128	30	91	.242
DiSarcina Ana	474	45	114	3	45	.241
Balmer Sea	482	92	116	32	93	.241
Cannock Sea	388	56	91	23	74	.235
Nieves Det	344	45	80	19	62	.233
Spezio Oak	461	43	107	10	52	.232
Jong KC	471	72	109	21	85	.231
Sprague Tor	504	63	115	14	48	.228
Bordick Bal	437	50	99	5	40	.227
Beard Tor	350	47	78	7	36	.223
Cearcia Tor	326	29	69	3	18	.212
Brosius Oak	446	54	90	10	37	.202

## INDIVIDUAL BATTING

Nelson Cle	481	62	126	10	57	262
Grisson Tex	401	54	105	1	26	262
McMurren Tex	349	47	91	1	25	261
MaWilliams Cle	420	77	135	29	92	260
Canham Cw	315	56	81	13	50	257
Bragg Bos	456	59	117	9	52	257
Cruz Jr Tex	320	52	82	23	59	256
Palmer KC	481	63	123	19	77	256
Haves NY	317	37	81	11	48	256
Palmer Bos	542	84	139	33	95	256
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McGozales Tex	385	42	96	12	34	249
Lawson Bos	279	55	69	3	18	247
Mathew Min	397	58	97	9	44	244
Gwynn Cw	443	50	108	3	42	244
Carter Tex	528	68	128	10	91	242
DiGarcia Ana	474	45	114	3	45	241
Buhner San	402	92	116	32	93	241
Sanasa Oak	388	54	91	23	74	235
Nieves Det	344	45	80	19	62	233
Spizcio Det	461	43	107	10	52	232
King KC	471	72	109	21	85	231
Spring Tex	504	63	115	14	48	228
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Stinson Tex	350	50	78	7	30	227
Greuz Oak	326	29	69	3	18	212
Garza Oak	446	54	90	10	37	202



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## Men in bloc

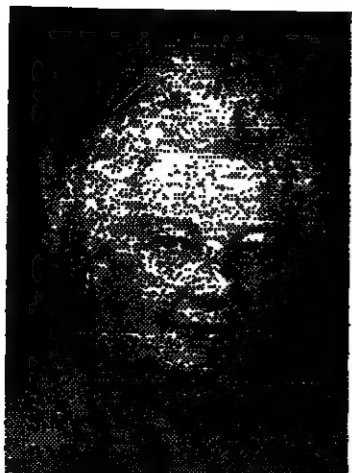
By GREER FAY CASHMAN

The voice of experience. Speaking to Women for Women in Politics, Yehudit Huebner, deputy mayor of Jerusalem and chairperson of the municipal Committee for the Advancement of Women, was asked how more women could get into the city council. "Change sex," was her reply.

PRIME MINISTER Benjamin Netanyahu and Israel's ambassador to Egypt Zvi Mazel will have an opportunity to discuss matters affecting Israeli-Egyptian relations if their paths cross in Bucharest when the two visit Romania later this month. Mazel, a former ambassador to the country, will be renewing some of his old contacts, but the real reason for his visit is the launching of a Romanian edition of one of his wife's novels. Michelle Mazel specializes in spy fiction set against the backdrop of the Middle East.

PAINTING is the forte of Sara Toledano, daughter of former Chief Rabbi and Shas mentor Ovadia Yosef. Her favorite theme? Jerusalem. An exhibition of Toledano's works opened last week at the Sieff Community Center in the capital's Beit Hakerem neighborhood.

ALTHOUGH he suffered relatively light injuries in last Thursday's bombing in the Ben Yehuda mall, there has been little rest for native Jerusalemite Yoram Kaufman, now a resident of Tel Aviv. Kaufman, who was hospitalized



Yehudit Huebner: boosting the ranks (Israel Sun)

We'll have to wait and see.

WHEN Bruce Helft returns from Los Angeles next month, his friends will discover that there is literally another string to his bow. The former Californian, a senior applications designer in medical software who has also worked in fashion and architecture, has decided to remain in Israel permanently after living here for nearly three years. He went to the US to pick up furniture and household goods he left in storage. Helft is also a keen archer, and he's making sure his long-bow and other archery equipment are included in the container he's shipping to Israel.

ART lovers, diplomats and interreligious affairs activists gathered in Jerusalem at the home of noted art collector and philanthropist Ayala Sacks Abramov last week. They

## DEAR RUTHIE

By RUTHIE BLUM



Dear Ruthie, I work for a large international company with its headquarters in Israel. I enjoy my work very much and get on well with most people. The one problem I have is that some people continually interrupt me while I am talking to them, particularly on the telephone. There are certain people that I have to deal with regularly who never let me finish a sentence.

I use English and Hebrew equally in my work, but this only happens when the conversation is in Hebrew. Although my mother tongue is English, I am fluent in Hebrew and talk at normal speed. At first when I am interrupted, I wait until the other person has finished before talking again, but when the interruptions continue, I lose control and get very angry. I start shouting to be heard over them.

As a result, I have had some very loud, explosive arguments. This upsets me, as the atmosphere at work is usually very pleasant.

I know this is not a good way to handle the situation, but I don't know what to do.

I don't have this problem with family or friends, only at work. Please help me find a solution instead of shouting or quarrelling. Hebrew Hysterical Beersheba

Dear RH,

The key to examining this problem is your claim of suffer-

ing from a lack of control when dealing with certain people. In this case, the people with whom you have trouble remaining in control are Hebrew speakers.

According to your description, you do not have this problem with family, friends, or with English-speaking colleagues at work. Yet not being allowed to finish a sentence when conversing in Hebrew arouses your ire to the extent that you engage in shouting matches, which leave you feeling guilty over having

open to the interruptions — something you do not do with English speakers. Perhaps you are fraught with some form of anxiety — regardless of your fluency in Hebrew — over being at a "disadvantage" when speaking in a language other than your mother tongue. This kind of anxiety could be held over from a time when you were far less fluent in the language.

Or maybe you feel at a different kind of "disadvantage" when speaking to a certain kind of Hebrew speaker on the phone, which has to do more with a cultural difference than a language barrier. Rather than removing the barrier through other means, you resort to quarrelling — a form of frustration.

**"Two things are clear. You cannot 'educate' an entire population in telephone etiquette. The second is that the only way to affect the behavior of others is by altering your own."**

hampered a normally pleasant atmosphere.

Before tackling the problem, you must contemplate the way in which you are a participant in this dynamic, and not just a victim. Perhaps in some unconscious way, you leave yourself

Two things are clear. The first is that you cannot "educate" an entire population in telephone etiquette. The second is that the only way to affect the behavior of others is by altering your own.

Before your next such conversation, take a few deep breaths and force yourself to remain silent — the opposite of yelling — as long as the other party is speaking. At every interruption, keep your own words at bay. Keep your voice on a quiet, even keel. I guarantee you the other party will begin to feel awkward, without necessarily understanding why. Then, every time you are allowed the floor, speak with quiet authority. You'd be surprised how effective this can be. Even in Israel.

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## Paging mom

As of September, Japanese parents no longer have to shout when they want their children to come in for dinner — they can page them.

NTT Mobile Communications Network Inc (NTT DoCoMo) introduced an inexpensive paging service for communications between parents and children.

The new service, which hit the Japanese market on September 1, is called Kid's Bell. The pagers have a unit price of 3,980 yen

(NIS 116), which is 1,000 yen (NIS 28) lower than the price for NTT DoCoMo's cheapest model currently on the market.

Among the messages mothers can send by punching in a key code are "I am coming to pick you up at school" and "It's time for dinner," while children can respond with "Sorry, I can't make it" or "Pick me up at the train station." The basic monthly fee for the service is between 780 yen and 1,300 yen (NIS 23-NIS 38),

depending on the area for which the pager will be active. Fifty messages a month are included in the basic price.

The pagers come in colors described by the company as "milky blue" for boys and "milky pink" for girls. The new pager service will further spread mobile telecommunications among schoolchildren in Japan, where an ever-increasing number of youngsters pack cell phones and pagers in their school bags. (Reuters)

Some 50 fragments of medieval manuscripts are now at the Israel Museum. Sounds dull? Well, they form one of the most exciting and moving exhibitions I have ever seen.

Meir Ronnen  
The Jerusalem Post

## THE CAIRO GENIZA SEMINAR



In 1896 at the Ben Ezra Synagogue in the Fustat area of old Cairo, Prof. Solomon Schechter of Cambridge University revealed to the world the staggering contents of its Geniza. 140,000 fragments were given to the Cambridge University for study. In the whole history of Judaic studies there has never been a more dramatic event than the discovery of these ancient documents. Poetry, prayers, accounts of journeys, files, tens of thousands of handwritten documents, some signed by the Rambam himself, and much more. A hundred years have passed and still not all the material has been

studied. Now a selection on loan from Cambridge is on view in Jerusalem. It presents a vivid picture of the spiritual — and not so spiritual — mores and business dealings of a medieval Jewish community.

Shorashim and The Jerusalem Post Travel Club invite you to a weekend seminar with the experts, Prof. Stefan Reif, Head of the Cairo Archive, Cambridge University, and Prof. Mordechai Akiva Friedman, Jewish Culture in Moslem Lands and Cairo Geniza Studies, Tel Aviv University.

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## The end of a fairy tale

Why is the world a weeping over the death of a spoiled socialite? pondered one of my close friends recently. Like many of us, she was glued to the endless television and newspaper coverage of the death of Princess Diana. She was closely following the initial shock, the pointing of fingers of blame for the accident that killed her — at her driver, at the paparazzi who hounded her — and the huge international outpouring of grief. And she was doing so without quite understanding exactly why it bothered her so much.

Here was a common reaction. Diana's passing hit me and many of my friends, among them the most cynical and hard-boiled of journalists, much harder than we would have expected. Why was this? Obviously, none of us knew her personally — it was not like the death of a friend or a close relative, or a neighbor. It didn't affect our lives in the way the assassination of a political leader like John Kennedy or Yitzhak Rabin had, influencing the political direction of our nation. It certainly wasn't patriotism, or the sense of identification we Israelis feel when a soldier falls or a fellow citizen is killed in a terror attack. So why the deep sadness, the pain that goes beyond that triggered by any confrontation with mortality?

Much of this reaction is generational. Young adults today have no recollection of the premature deaths of icons like Marilyn Monroe, and we were children when John Lennon was shot. This is, for us, the first death of a public figure in her thirties. But there is more. Diana was not just a celebrity, she was someone many of us felt we knew intimately, and whom we consciously or subconsciously measured ourselves against.

Many of us remember where we were in 1981, when we watched the pageantry of the royal wedding, as the radiant Diana walked down the aisle and endearingly bumbled her new husband's name in the wedding vows.

With a mixture of envy and disdain we watched the well-bred nursery-school teacher step into a gilded cage where she would presumably have everything we dreamed of when we heard fairy tales as children: a castle, a prince,

gorgeous children, lots of beautiful clothes, and the adoration of the British people and the world.

As the years passed we learned that the girl who seemed to have everything lacked what was most important — her husband's love, respect, and fidelity. That was a life she wouldn't accept. Clearly Charles would have been ready to live with an all-business marriage. Diana wasn't.

She gave up the chance to be a queen in exchange for the right to be happy, and fled her gilded cage. The painful choice between choosing a life that is restricted but secure, or liberating but frightening, is familiar to us all. Diana took the lonelier, braver path.

And so we saw her struggle to find an identity during and after her divorce, watched her display of pathos when she was interviewed by the BBC, and marveled at the irony that this woman whom the world worshipped, seemed so sad.

Lately, miraculously, she seemed to be reborn, literally shedding her old skin by selling off pieces of her wardrobe and contributing the money to charity, and going around the world doing charity work. Then came her romance with Dodi, a man who seemed to be playing Aristotle Onassis to her Jackie Kennedy.

One wonders how their involvement would have turned out. Clearly, in choosing a Mediterranean playboy with questionable connections, she was trying to get as far away from stodgy British Prince Charles as possible. It might not have been the wisest choice, but Diana seemed committed to pursuing happiness and this round, tanned, smiling man seemed to be making her happy.

Along every step of the way of Diana's journey, we were there, watching her, reading about her, commenting on and often criticizing her choices, identifying with her in the roles she played in her life, that often paralleled ours: an innocent young girl, a newlywed, a frustrated wife, a dedicated mother, a confused divorcee, and a maturing woman. But more than anything, we were following the story of the closest thing to a fairy princess that we'll ever experience. And now, we'll never know how the story ends.

## Home Front



Alison Kaplan Sommer



Yuval Rabin: a father again (Moshe Shai)



Ophir Pines studying the assassination of Rabin (Isaac Harari)

with his wife Ora and six-month-old daughter Tamar at Bikur Holim hospital, has been getting an average of one phone call every two minutes. Relatives and friends who saw the family on television, or read about them in the newspapers, have been calling Kaufman's cellular phone and the hospital switchboard almost non-stop. Kaufman has been heartened by how much people care — but a little let-up might enable him to catch up on some lost sleep.

VISITORS to Bikur Holim early Friday afternoon were stopped by security guards and asked where they were going. Anyone visiting someone hurt in the bomb blast was asked to make the visit short. Why? Because Sara Netanyahu was expected, and security didn't want anyone other than patients and hospital staff around.

MEDIA reports confirming rumors that Sara Netanyahu is expecting are reassuring, though there is some dispute over how advanced her pregnancy is. Netanyahu's somewhat fuller figure seems to indicate that she is indeed getting ready to bring her third child into the world. Does that mean she'll stop accompanying

were there to witness the presentation by the Israel Colloquium of the first Zalman S. Abramov award in memory of Ayala's husband, who died six months ago. The recipient was Barukh Binah, who has just completed a tour of duty at the Israeli Embassy in Washington, first as a congressional liaison, then as head of the embassy's department for Public and Interreligious Affairs. The Israel Colloquium, an educational nonprofit organization promoting interreligious and intercommunity understanding, selected the seventh-generation Israeli for his contribution to interreligious relations while serving Israel in the US. A nephew of celebrated artist Nahum Gutman, Binah was impressed by the magnificent works of art that grace the Abramov residence. The signatory to the citation, presented to Binah by Dr. Kitty Cohen, was Jacques Torczyner, a long-time friend of Zalman Abramov and a brother of Harry Torczyner, the New York art collector and critic who, like Ayala Abramov, is devoted to Jerusalem and the Israel Museum.

ASKED by America's first lady to stop smoking in movies because such conduct sets a bad example, Mel Gibson replied that he was prepared to stop smoking when the Clintons stop lying.

WHEN you're a star, you can afford idiosyncrasies. Cher insists that every hotel she stays at be equipped with three trampolines — one for herself, one for her make-up artist, and one for the trainer who keeps her in shape. But Cher's demands are mild compared to those of actress Jane Seymour. She reportedly doesn't mind drinking American water but will only wash in London rainwater, specially flown in.



Mel Gibson: still smoking

ing her husband on trips abroad — or is he going to curtail his trips until after the birth?

ANOTHER pregnancy which excited media comment was that of Tali Rabin who, after six months of marriage, presented husband Yuval with a new addition to the family. Grandma Leah Rabin, whose other three grandchildren are all grown up, is reportedly delighted with her new baby granddaughter.

LABOR MK Ophir Pines, usually quick to react publicly to any political development, has been remarkably silent of late. The reason: He's busy completing his MA thesis on the Rabin assassination. Will any new information emerge?



Cher: Room service, where's my trampoline? (U.S.P.A.)

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## NEWS

of the muse

## Eyes on the ACUM prize

ACUM (Israel Composers and Publishers Association) has announced a partial list of prizewinners for 1997. Categories include literature, pop and serious music, and No. 1 foreign song. The awards ceremony will take place at the Tel Aviv Duhli Auditorium on December 9.

NIS 300,000 in prize money will be divided among 14 winners named in 13 categories. The four Judges Prizes, Avidom Prize, videoclip and foreign song winners have yet to be announced. The Wilensky Song of the Year award went to Ehud Banai for his "Mahari Na" ("Please Hurry"); the Zeira Composer of the Year was awarded to light-music composer Ronit Shahar; and Aharon Harlap took the honors for his clarinet concerto in the Anonymous Submission category.

Among the literary awards, the Anonymous Screenplay/Play prize went to Omri Yavin and Amos Ever-Hadani for their screenplay *Two Chinese*, while the Ashman Prize was awarded to Zoya Shalev for her novel *Haye! Ahava* ("Love Lives").

Helen Kaye

## Clutching the Klatchkin prize

Habimah actor Dov Reiser and Cameri actress Sandra Sadeh are joint recipients of the seventh Klatchkin Theater Prize awarded to actors at the height of their career and are identified with the theaters where they work. Both Reiser and Sadeh have a string of leading roles to their credit. "Any cast with which they are associated benefits from their professionalism and warmth," says the citation. Each will receive NIS 6,000.

The Klatchkin Creative Artist Prize and the George and Janet Jaffin Fine Arts Prize went, respectively, to Yigal Shem Tov, head of the video department at the Jerusalem Bezalel Academy, and to sculptor Simion Bello Fainaru and painter Michael Sgan-Cohen, who share NIS 14,000.

Shem Tov, described as a superb photographer and inspiring teacher, receives NIS 11,000.

Bello Fainaru's work establishes him "as an enthralling artist with a singular voice," while Sgan-Cohen's paintings are cited as "a contemporary visual commentary" on our Jewish heritage.

Helen Kaye

## A lesson in accountability at Beit Lessin

The Beit Lessin production of *Arafel* ("Fog") has pre-sold a precedent-setting 192 shows, and ticket sales have already started for 1999. Of these, 100 performances will be in Tel Aviv, the rest at various venues across the country. Tickets will be available to the theaters' subscribers and the general public. Written by Moti Golan and directed by Shmuel Hasfari, the drama tackles the thorny question of accountability when disasters occur. In this case the missile accident at the Tze'elim army base in which six Israeli soldiers were killed.

Helen Kaye

## Opera Towers annexes Tower Records

Tower Records recently opened a classical music annex on the second floor of the prestigious Opera Towers, the very locale (Allenby St. by the sea) where the former Israeli Opera performed nightly for many years. Notwithstanding the classical section of the Jerusalem Tower Records, this new Tel Aviv annex is the only purely classical music disc store in the country, offering a wide selection of literature, videos, and CDs, including some labels not found in other local music stores.

Plans are afoot to inaugurate a series of concerts at the Towers.

Michael Aizenstadt

## Sax appeal



Gersh Geler's sax band hit the right notes at the Israeli Center in Moscow in honor of Israel's 50th birthday.

Ma'ayan Smith, soloist of the Jerusalem Conservatory Saxophone Band, directed by Gersh Geler, won second prize in the Crystal Notes competition in Moscow, which concluded on August 31.

This young musicians' light music competition was inaugurated in honor of the 850th anniversary of the founding of the city of Moscow. Young musicians from over 30 countries competed in three categories: saxophone, piano, and light music. Geler's sax band performed at the grand finale of the competition. They gave an additional concert the following day at the Israeli Center in Moscow, celebrating the 50th birthday of the State of Israel.

The concert was filmed by Russian television and will be broadcast shortly. Dates and venues for the awards ceremonies will be announced.

Michael Aizenstadt

## Operatic workshop for children

The Jerusalem Children and Youth Opera Workshop opens another year of activities, offering children (ages 9-16) a varied program of voice and operatic singing, acting, movement, visual arts, creative writing and puppet theater.

For three hours twice a week, children will focus on enhancing their artistic talents in relation to the world of opera. The workshop, in operation for 10 years, is directed by Judith Paull-Litoff and Sara Hirsh, with Steven Hornstein as music adviser. For information, call (02) 679-5280 or (02) 673-1558.

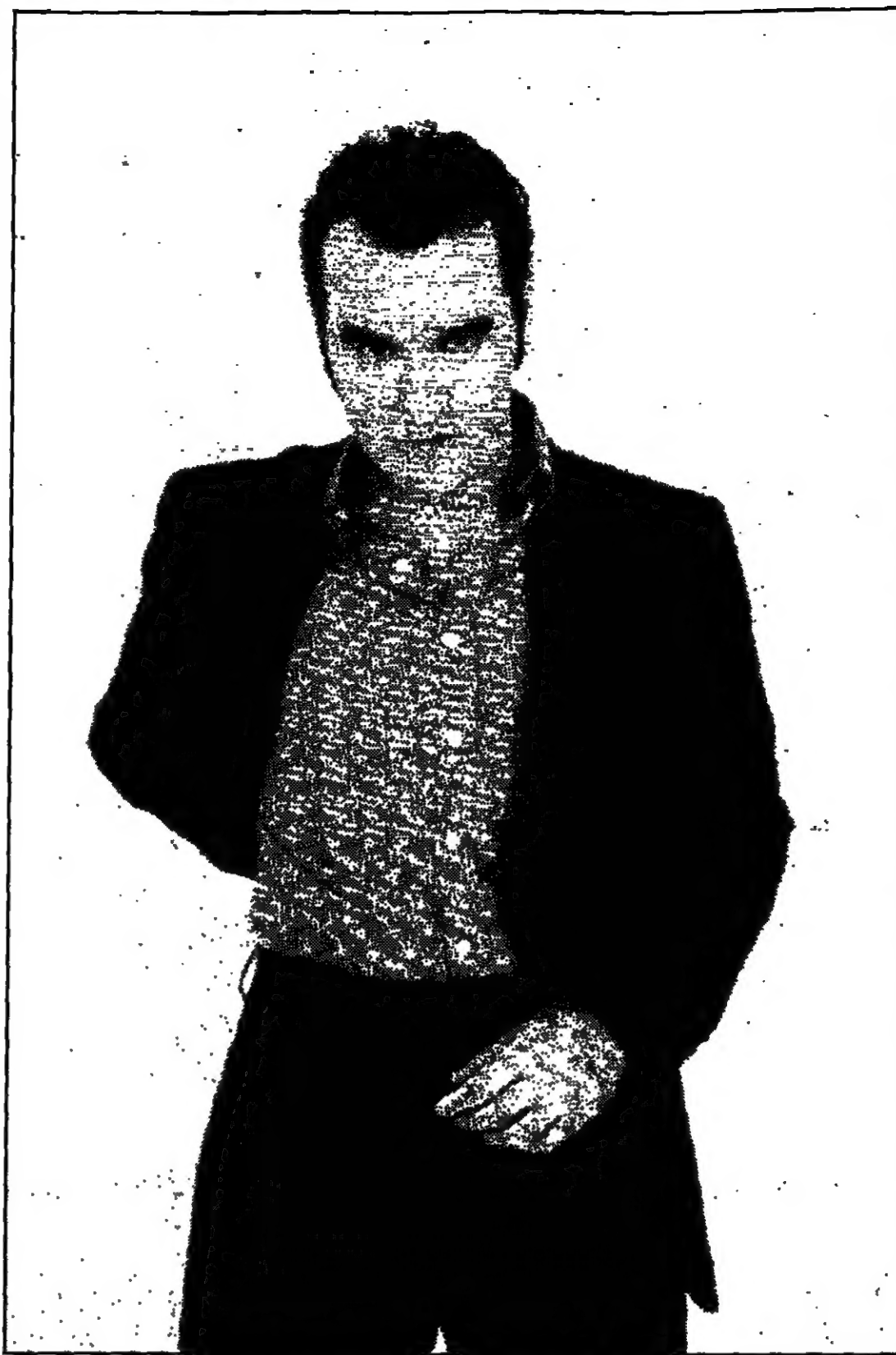
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## TOWER RECORDS' TOP 15

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#4	4	10	VIA	HITMAN 8
#5	2	6	VIA	SUMMER PARTY
#6	8	6	ARIK EINSTEIN	LE'AN PARHU HAPARPARIM
#7	10	2	VIA	LATINO PARTY
#8	21	10	RAMI KLEINSTEIN	COLLECTION
#9	3	2	OASIS	BE HERE NOW
#10	7	12	MEREDITH BROOKS	BLURRING THE EDGES
#11	13	12	TEA PACKS	NESHIKA LADOD
#12	11	9	VIA	SUMMER FIESTA 2
#13	6	3	BACKSTREET BOYS	BACKSTREET BACK
#14	14	3	URI FAIRMAN	SEALED WITH A KISS
#15	25	76	RITA	COLLECTION

Tower Records' top-selling albums for last week

## IN TUNE



Still post-punk? Morrissey's 'Maladjusted' is the sound of a well-adjusted survivor.

## Morrissey: The legend continues

By DAVID BRINN

For most of the 1990s, Morrissey has faced the insurmountable task of trying to compete with one of the best bands the 1980s produced — The Smiths. As vocalist and lyricist for the highly acclaimed post-punk British quartet, Morrissey became the spokesman for disaffected youth with his literate, witty and sensitive lyrics and intense, dramatic delivery.

Since the band's breakup, Morrissey has clearly missed his main foil, guitarist Johnny Marr. Despite keeping to his high lyrical standard, the music has suffered. When he's meshed with a sympathetic collaborator, as with Mick Ronson on 1992's *Your Arsenal*, the results have been nearly as spectacular as The Smiths.

In "Maladjusted," Morrissey is working with essentially the same band for the third time. He seems to have found a comfortable support group. With veteran producer Steve Lillywhite (U2) at the helm, he's created his most cohesive batch of songs since *Your Arsenal*.

While the title tune is a lumbering dinosaur dominated by Lillywhite's penchant for over-

"MALADJUSTED"  
Morrissey  
(Belicon)

VISION II —  
SPIRIT OF RUMI  
Various Artists  
(NMC)

A MEDIO VIVIR —  
RICKY MARTIN  
(NMC)

the-top percussion, Morrissey wrestles control for the rest of the album, which alternates between guitar-based mid-tempo rockers and morose ballads, the likes of which made his legend.

What strings everything together is Morrissey's distinctive vocal delivery and wry, biting lyrics. Where else could you find couplets like "Fulfill me, or else kill me" and "I don't get along with myself, and I'm not too keen on anyone else"? Rest assured his dour outlook on life hasn't improved since The Smiths.

Neither groundbreaking nor innovative, "Maladjusted" is the sound of a well-adjusted survivor.

VISION II — Spirit of Rumi is a first-class project by Graeme Revell and Roger Mason, a New

Zealander and an Australian who have put the poems of 12th-century Moslem mystic Rumi to music, with the help of a globe-trotting cast of musicians.

It intuitively blends East and West, with contributions from world-music aficionados such as Pakistani Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan, our own Ahniam Nini, and American folk-rocker Lori Carson.

This is the music you'd expect to hear on a voyage with Jacques Cousteau — fresh, pure, joyous and eye-opening.

YOU can know everything you need to know about Ricky Martin's latest album, *A Medio Vivir*, from its cover: a shot of the General Hospital TV idol in a pensive mood with his long blond locks flowing seductively over his eyes.

This is schmaltz with a Latin beat, sung in Martin's non-descript baritone. The hit "Maria" is included, as are 11 other songs, ranging from crooning Julio Iglesias-style ballads to South American rumbas.

But his teenage female fans aren't buying this for his voice as much for his good looks. And there's enough of that to go around to make this a million seller.

## THEATER REVIEW

## Arab play long on dialogue, short on plot

By NAOMI DOUDAI

With Anton Shammas's *Wash Your Face, O Moon* (Hebrew title, *Yoreah, Rehatz Panayich*) at Wadi Salib, the Arab theater in Israel realizes its fourth Arabic-language production. This time, the addition of an Arabic-Hebrew simul-

aneous translation is an irresistible inducement for non-Arabic speakers interested in following the development of this gifted company to come and enjoy their performance.

Shammas, poet, translator, scholar and novelist, is no longer resident in Haifa, having taken up

a teaching post at the University of Michigan, where he teaches Middle Eastern literature. This, his first play, with its exuberantly rich rhetoric and rangy dialogue, is more a literateur's product than a playwright's.

Allegorical in form, highly stylistic and non-realistic in style, the play projects the gulf that divides the Israeli Arab from his Palestinian brother. It is a futuristic, conscience-raising parable that, though enlivened with wit and humor, is fraught with deeply felt pain.

The angst, agony, and sundering of souls is presented satirically and defiantly in the confrontation of a hunted Palestinian (Makram Khoury) with his prosperous Haifa Arab counterparts (Salwa Nakara Haddad and Gassan Abbas) in whose palatial Carmel home he seeks refuge. It slowly transpires that the house is a time trap with doors that open inwards

only at the proper Open Sesame and walls that, like the enormous goldfish bowl that dominates the stage, are made of glass.

Although the scenario depends on a plot that is predominantly cerebral and on imagery and dramatic symbols rapidly spoken, director Daniel Gidron contrives to keep his actors moving, thus riveting audience attention. Khoury, Abbas and Haddad have sophisticated subtle roles that contrast dramatically with those of Norman Elsa and Mahmud Kadah, two petty criminals who are trapped in the same surreal situation. Their substitute for action is dynamic, spirited repartee.

In their exuberance they, together with David Sharir's arresting architectonic set and its spectacular tank of goldfish, fill in for what is an excessively wordy, largely plotless, but nonetheless moving play.

## Songs of the Yiddish soul

By HELEN KAYE

If it weren't for her parents, says Orna Rothberg, there'd be no *Gefilte Fish*, the hybrid Yiddish/Hebrew cabaret that opens tomorrow at the Habimah Heineken Club.

Rothberg grew up hearing Yiddish. Her parents, both Holocaust survivors, "never spoke it to us, but they talked to each other in Yiddish. So that language reminds me of my mother, who'd tell me every morning, 'You're the only thing I have in the world.'"

Not quite true, as she must have said that to each of her three daughters. "Of course we were embarrassed as children that our parents weren't from here, but we're more connected to Eastern Europe than we realized. My eldest sister, Tova, received an Oxford degree to teach Yiddish. She'll teach Yiddish in London, and here am I, at 38, doing a Yiddish evening."

Rothberg shares with the audience the Yiddish/Israeli culture that nurtured, exasperated, angered, delighted and ultimately formed her. The songs are a mixture, too. There are the original Yiddish cabaret and theater songs, such as the jaunty title song, "A Bissele Mezimment," or the tender "Don't Forget Me," which Rothberg considers the loveliest Yiddish ballad.

These are combined with Yiddish translations of songs like the Weill/Brecht "Surabaya Johnnie," the '70s pop hit "Itsy-Bitsy" (teeny-weeny yellow polka-dot bikini), and Piaf's "La Vie en Rose."

"Not too many people see Yiddish as a beautiful, sensual and funny language," says Rothberg of the translations. "I wanted to see if they'd work — and they do."

They do, for sure. Rothberg's

contralto changes from music-hall belt in "Mezimment" to a hint of nightclub smokiness in "La Vie en Rose." She makes no attempt to copy Piaf but imbues the song with the gentleness of a lullaby.

Rothberg's husband, Ilan Carmi, wrote the linking patter between the songs. He's also the show's director, conceding that "it was a little difficult in the beginning because our personal relationship got in the way; but after a while, Orna began to trust me professionally and then everything went smoothly."

The couple have been together since they met at the Ramat Gan Beit Zvi drama school in 1980. They have a seven-year-old daughter, Yuval, so named "because in Hebrew 'yuval' is both a streamlet and the name of the first recorded musician in the Bible. The combination of water and art appealed to me," Rothberg explains. Rothberg is currently at Habimah, where she is performing in *The Good Soldier Schweik*. She made her cabaret debut at the Cameri theater in what almost became a cult piece called *Hey Rimona*.

Rothberg is a fine (and underrated) character actress of chameleon ability, who has no intention of quitting the repertory stage.

But "singing is a need," she says simply, "even though I haven't done anything with it for years. There are reasons, but that's not the point. Now is right for me."

*Gefilte Fish*, then, results from the confluence of Yiddish and singing, which triggers a memory. Her parents love to sing. "One of the first things they did after the war was join a choir," says Rothberg.

"On one of their anniversaries they recorded a song in Yiddish to each other, so this program is like closing a circle."



Orna Rothberg

## CONCERT REVIEW

## Bustan Abraham appeals to any palate

The Beersheba Sinfonietta opened its 24th season with *Elegy* ("Psalm 22") for strings by newcomer Josef Bardanshvil, a seasoned composer from Georgia. Modest in proportion, the tonal work has notable artistic integrity. High strings articulate rhapsodic speech like phrases over a repetition of a pascaglia bass — a slowly ascending diatonic scale.

Soloist Cristina Ortiz (Brazil-England) is a bewitching performer who fingers the keyboard like a painter, lending original nuances to Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 3. Her phantasmagoric musical gestures were authoritatively paced within a well-structured time frame.

Maestro Uri Mayer, who led the contemporary work and concerto, gave an energetic, well-conceived reading of Schubert's Symphony No. 4, "Tragic."

The Sinfonietta is well balanced this season, and we look forward to an exciting series of concerts in Beersheba.

(Beersheba, Conservatory, September 7)

Max Stern

PERCUSSION and kanun, banjo and ud, violin and bass guitar, not to mention the flute — it is an almost impossible combination. Yet these are the instruments that comprise one of Israel's most electrifying (don't get alarmed, they are all acoustic), invigorating, and bewitching ensembles. Meet Bustan Abraham, Avshalom Farjun's east-meets-west ensemble whose musical numbers cover the

gamut of styles from traditional Arab music to American jazz. On disc, the ensemble is a sure hit. In live concert, the charisma of each of the seven musicians adds to the ambience of the performance.

Most captivating in any Bustan Abraham concert is the change of tempi and rhythms within each work they perform. A number can open with a hauntingly placid melody and suddenly change into a roller coaster that does not let you take a breath. Then there are the extraordinary solos interspersed in each number that enable ensemble members to shine as individual performers.

The music of Bustan Abraham, world music as many would probably try to define it, defies classification. It is not ethno jazz, although such elements can be found there. It is not folk music either, although many of the melodies are folk oriented. Nor is it your average dance band; quite the contrary.

The best way to experience this group is in live concert because the feeling is that each musician (some Arab, some Jewish) is playing just for you.

Bustan Abraham provides a tantalizing musical experience that would appeal to any palate. It is music of the here and now, anchored in traditions of many centuries ago. It is the music of Israel on the verge of the new millennium, a society which feeds on its past and transcends it to create an exciting future.

(Zionist Confederation House, Jerusalem, September 2)

Michael Aizenstadt



Makram Khoury (center) plays a Palestinian on the run. (Ryal Landessman)







# Labor, Likud trade charges over Oslo

By SARAH HONIG

Labor Party members ought to "lower their eyes in shame and keep quiet as it becomes clearer and clearer that the deal their government struck has repeatedly put the lives of Israelis in peril," Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's spokesman Shai Bazak said yesterday.

Labor Party spokesman Yoram Dori in turn accused the government of "dragging Israel into an all-out confrontation with the Palestinians and, heaven forbid, a war with the Syrians... Israelis are paying with their blood for Netanyahu's failures."

This exchange was sparked by an earlier one between National Religious Party MK Nissan Solomiansky and Labor's Dalia Itzik. Others on both Left and Right entered the fray and Itzik, along with Meretz MK Dedi Zucker, lodged a complaint against Solomiansky with the attorney-general.

Bazak, who retorted to Itzik's onslaught on Solomiansky and Netanyahu, argued that "the Oslo Accords, signed by the previous government, created refugees and safe havens for terrorists under Palestinian Authority jurisdiction, issued and distributed thousands of firearms to the Palestinians, and caused numerous terror attacks and hundreds of Israeli deaths, even during the Labor government's tenure - while that government continued to make concessions and let the Palestinians have all they wished."

According to Bazak, Netanyahu must now

"do all he can to return security and pull the country out of the mire in which Labor sank it. The impudence of Labor's leaders seems to know no bounds, and they continue to incite even before the terror victims are laid to rest, providing the Arab countries with propaganda material."

Dori's reply said that "it's high time this prime minister stops hiding behind the apron of [former prime minister Shimon] Peres and the grave of late prime minister Yitzhak Rabin." Netanyahu's reckless boasts and baseless promises of a "secure peace" have all shattered against the awful and painful reality. There is no peace. There is no security. There is terror. There is no hope.

"The public knows it needs another direction - experienced and responsible - which will make a secure peace and not just talk about it."

Solomiansky argued that "it is high time the public demands a political reckoning from those who brought the Oslo disaster upon us. These same people are now trying to sell us the very same goods by advocating a panacea in the shape of an unconditional withdrawal from Lebanon. They owe the voter an accounting."

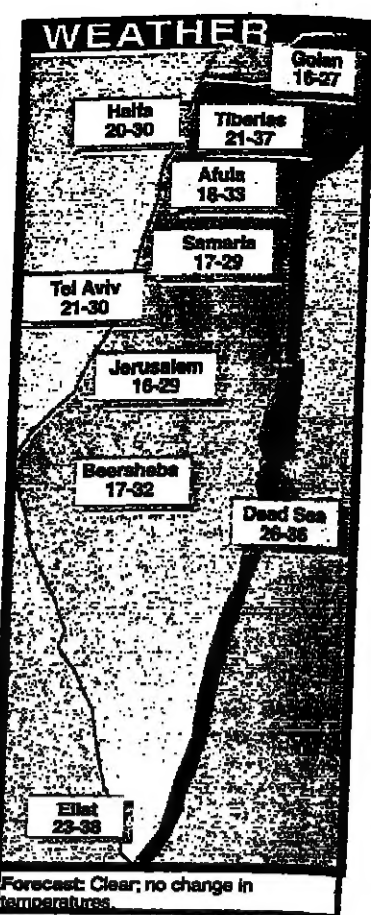
Itzik reminded Solomiansky that "the man who had been in charge of implementing the Oslo agreements for the past 15 months is none other than Netanyahu," and advised the NRP to bring Netanyahu down if it dislikes the Oslo process.



Protesters from Acre

Residents from Acre staged a protest yesterday in front of the Prime Minister Office yesterday, to press demands for their city to be declared a development zone. Such a designation would entitle Acre to tax benefits and loans. Acre has been plagued by economic troubles lately and has an unemployment rate of 11%.

(Isaac Harel)



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Bahia	18	66	18	cloudy
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Chicago	17	65	21	rain
Copenhagen	14	57	20	cloudy
Helsinki	11	52	20	cloudy
London	12	55	17	cloudy
Los Angeles	15	62	17	clear
Madrid	18	64	23	clear
Moscow	11	52	19	cloudy
New York	18	61	20	cloudy
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## Mevasseret squatters granted 'asylum' in Jericho

By NERS KERNON

Jerusalem for some 14 days.

Having no where else to go, they thought Jericho was a logical destination.

Buzi said the men stopped a Palestinian policeman on the street and asked for shelter. "He was shocked," Buzi said, "but he took us to the PK offices."

Eventually, Preventive Security chief Jibril Rajoub was informed, and told Arafat, who said to put the group up, so they were taken to the local Jerusalem Hotel. The three have since been joined by another seven veterans of the Mevasseret battles.

"Our families would come here, but they can't get in because of the closure," Avivi said. He added that the minute the closure is lifted, "three bus loads of people will arrive."

According to Avivi, the group was told by Rajoub that Arafat will try to find them political refuge in a third country. "We cannot stay here forever," he said, "they don't have the money to put us up."

An official at the PA's office in Jericho said that the group deserved to be granted asylum. "They were thrown out of their homes," he said.

Then, taking full advantage of the public relations gem in hand, he added: "Look, Israel closes us in, but we open our doors to them. Anyone who comes is welcome. They are our guests."

Avivi maintained that the group had not come to make any political point. "We did not come here to be contentious. We came so that our problem would be solved."

Avivi, who said he once was extremely right-wing, said he has undergone a political conversion.

"Look how they are treating us," he said, pointing to the air-conditioned rooms and the cups of juice on the table. "They are treating us like human beings. They are not animals. We are moving the peace from paper to reality. We are putting the peace into practice."

## Ganani closes company in Cairo

Dvora Ganani, who has been barred from returning to Egypt, decided yesterday to close her Cairo-based business.

"We decided to close it today because Egypt did not allow me to go back," Ganani said from her home. "Nobody gave me any reason."

Ganani's company, World Wide Vision, has arranged deals during the past five years between Egyptian and other foreign companies in areas such as agriculture, construction, cosmetics and medical technology, she said. World Wide Vision worked to bring foreign companies into Egypt and Egyptian companies into other nations.

The Egyptian police held her on July 13 for 24 hours at Cairo International Airport for unspecified security reasons, she said. Labor Party leader Ehud Barak, who was passing through the airport at the time, persuaded Egyptian officials to let her return to Israel with him.

Egyptian officials said at the time that Ganani was barred from entering because her name was on a list of persons banned from the country. Press reports said 4,000 Israelis were on the list, including senior government officials.

(AP)

## Winning cards

In yesterday's daily Chanco-drawings, the winning cards were the king of spades, 9 of hearts, queen of diamonds, and queen of clubs, and the king of spades, 10 of hearts, king of diamonds, and 7 of clubs.

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